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County scrambles to avoid return of landfill, \$7 million refund of costs

By Terry Wright

City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters (CESW), wants to transfer ownership of its landfill back to Crawford and Otsego counties.

The former Crawford-Otsego Landfill was sold to City Management Corporation of Detroit, an affiliate of CESW, by the Crawford-Otsego Landfill Authority in 1991.

In a letter to Crawford County Commission Chairman Dennis Long,

CESW officially notified Crawford County that it is in breach of contract in the county's sale of the Crawford-Otsego Landfill and asked the county to set a time when possession of the landfill could be tendered back to the counties.

The letter stated in part, "the very essence of the entire purchase was that Crawford County would allow the landfill to accept waste from additional counties. Since Crawford County

failed to cooperate fully and use their best efforts to authorize the disposal of solid waste from additional counties, the basis of the entire agreement has been breached."

CESW asked for a refund of the \$3.8 million purchase price and another \$4.05 million CES has spent getting the landfill into compliance and other capital expenditures. The letter also stated that because of the breach, Crawford County is potentially a responsible party for the existing contamination at the landfill.

According to James Sharp, Vice President of Community and Government Relations at City Management, notification of the breach was given in what Sharp called, "a draft of reality." Sharp emphasized that no lawsuit has been filed nor even mentioned.

Sharp said Otsego County and the Crawford-Otsego Landfill Authority are also considered to be in breach. "The ball is in their court," Sharp said. "All the options in the world are there for them."

Crawford County Prosecutor, John Huss, interrupted a county Ways and Means Committee meeting to show the letter to four of the six Crawford County Commissioners in attendance. When asked if he would comment on the situation, Huss said, "Nope." Later

he would neither verify nor deny the existence of a letter.

Crawford County Clerk Beth Wieland said Huss made a recommendation to the commissioners to hold a special meeting with Gaylord attorney James Cotant. Cotant had represented the Crawford-Otsego Landfill Authority during the sale of the landfill.

That special meeting was held last Friday, December 10, at 4 p.m. in the Crawford County Courthouse. The meeting began as a public forum but went into closed session on a motion by Commissioner Robert McLachlan. Besides the six county commissioners, also present were Huss, Wieland, and Cotant.

When the closed session ended, the commission came back into public session and took immediate action on the situation.

The first action was to approve the drafting of a letter to CESW requesting a 60 day moratorium on any litigation toward Crawford County.

The second action approved the formation of a committee to negotiate with CESW on a landfill expansion compromise. Long appointed Commissioner Robert Smock to chair the committee. Smock has been a staunch opponent of unconditional landfill expansion. He is authorized to

Anonymous \$50,000 to Hartwick Center

By Terry Wright

Michigan DNR Regional Parks Division Supervisor Steve Dice announced recently that a contribution valued at \$50,000 has been given to the Michigan Forest Visitor's Center at Hartwick Pines State Park.

"Real estate valued at \$50,000 has been given," Dice said. "It will be sold and the proceeds will go to the Visitor's Center." Dice said the donation, which is the largest single donation received for the center, came from a Roscommon-Crawford area resident who wishes to remain anonymous.

The Michigan Visitor's and Interpretive Center at the Hartwick Pines will be the state's focal point of the Michigan forestry industry from the logging days of the late 1800s up to modern times. The building has a classroom, a theatre, and a forestry exhibit area. Furnishing the building is expected to cost over half a million dollars, most of which is being raised through private donations to the state and to the Friends of the Hartwick Pines.

The building is scheduled to be dedicated and opened to the public on May 1, 1994.

KCC students protest hiring men over women

By Terry Wright

Students at Kirtland Community College recently protested the hiring of two new faculty members into the college's English Department.

Students were apparently upset that both new hires are men when qualified female candidates, two who have part-time experience at Kirtland, were passed over.

Kirtland Dean of Students Richard Silverman said that a national search brought in 106 applications. Of those applicants, eight were interviewed for the two positions. Of the eight who were interviewed, three were already part-time KCC instructors. The other

five were from outside the Kirtland system.

One of the positions was offered to former Avalanche Editor Jon Thompson. Thompson had been teaching part-time at Kirtland for several years. The second position was offered to Gerry LaFemina of Kalamazoo.

According to Silverman, another of the students' concerns was that Thompson does not have a masters degree. Silverman said, "It is a common practice to hire instructors who are still completing their masters program. If he (Thompson) doesn't have his masters when his contract is

signed on January 10, he won't be hired."

LaFemina has a masters degree in English from Western Michigan University and a strong college teaching background. "We selected the two strongest candidates," Silverman said.

Silverman pointed out that Kirtland has a history of fair practice between men and women. He said Kirtland is one of only three community colleges in Michigan with a woman president. The Kirtland Business Manager is also a woman as is forty-six percent of the faculty. "The average wage of female faculty members at Kirtland is \$2,500

higher than the average wage of male faculty," Silverman said. "It just worked out that way. Our salary schedule does not rely on gender."

On Thursday, December 9, the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees confirmed the hiring of Thompson and LaFemina. They are scheduled to begin teaching at the beginning of the winter semester on January 14.

New management set in place at Avalanche

A new hometown management team is now in place at the Crawford County Avalanche.

The three principals all are from Grayling, including two veteran hands and one newcomer to the newspaper.

Assuming duties as Managing Editor is Dennis Mansfield, who grew up in Grayling, graduated from Grayling High School, and worked briefly for the Avalanche earlier this year as a free-lance writer and photographer.

Linda Golnick of Grayling, who has been at the Avalanche since 1989, will continue as Business Manager, but with expanded responsibilities. She will be in charge of accounting, classified advertising, office management, job printing management, office supply sales and circulation. In addition, she will oversee display advertising programs.

Returning to the Avalanche after a seven-year "retirement" will be Howard D. "Whitey" Madsen, who is Associate Publisher.

Madsen was a printer and production manager at the Avalanche for about 20 years until he became part owner, editor and publisher in 1967. He retired after 19 years, and has agreed to return

as Associate Publisher, on a limited scale.

The changes were necessitated by the resignation of former General Manager/Editor Jon Thompson in August to accept a teaching assignment at Kirtland Community College.

Since then, Richard Lamb, General Manager of Presque Isle Newspapers in Rogers City and Onaway, has been doing double duty as interim general manager of the Avalanche. Both newspaper companies are owned by the Millman family.

Dennis Mansfield, the new managing editor, graduated with honors from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and recently completed courses at Central Michigan University.

In addition to brief professional experience with the Avalanche, Mansfield worked as a staff writer and photographer at the Gaylord Herald Times, Associated Newspapers in Wayne, Shiawassee County Journal in Perry. He was a photographer at The State News, the MSU student newspaper and was a correspondent and assistant bureau chief for the MSU

Capital News Service program.

He worked one summer as a publication writer at General Motors in Warren.

Linda Golnick is a native of Wayne County, but has lived in Grayling since 1978. She worked at the Grayling Mercantile and Main Street Florals before joining the Avalanche in 1989.

She has taken classes at Kirtland Community College, and has been involved in school-related activities, and as a member of the Michigan National Guard family support group.

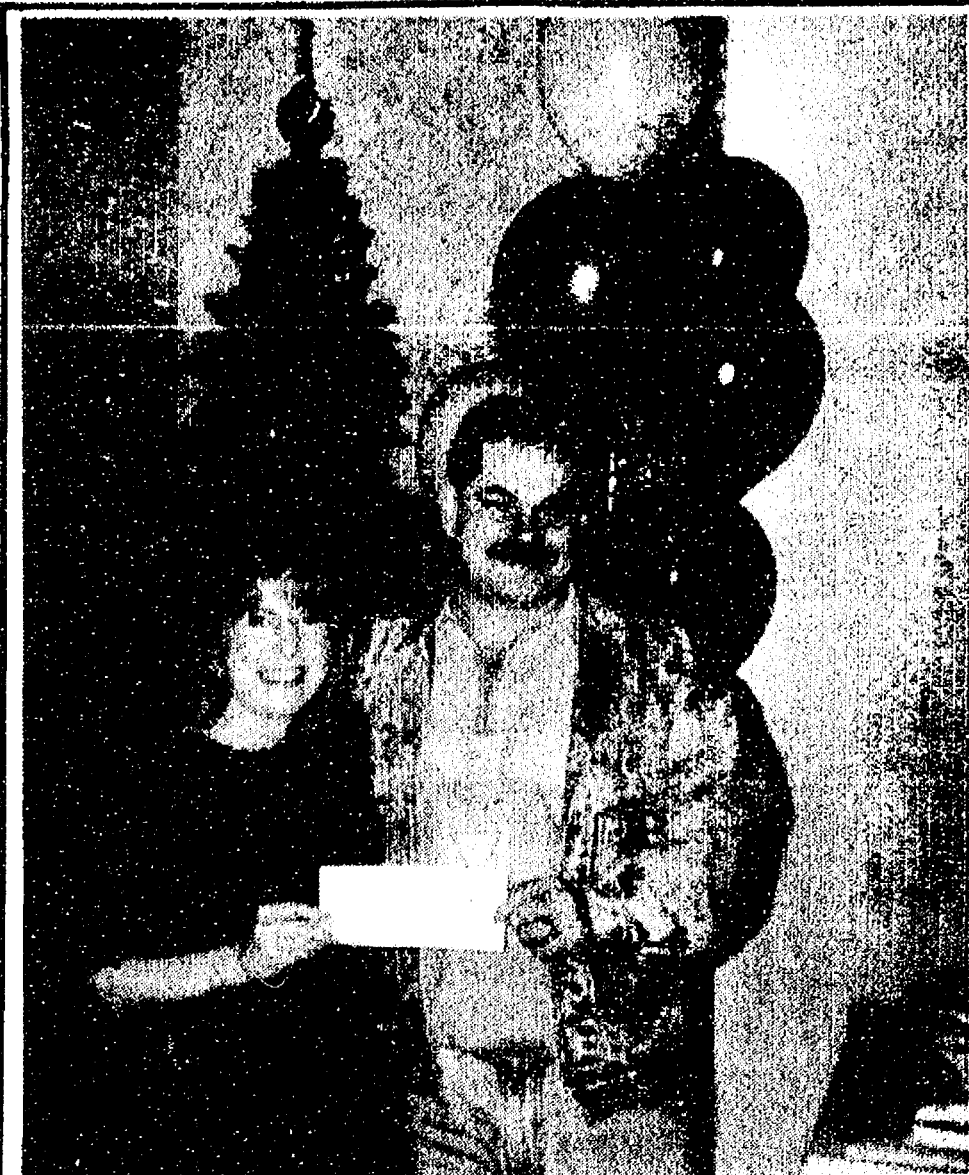
Her husband, Chris, is presently General Foreman at M.A.T.E.S. of Camp Grayling. Golnick and her husband have three children: David, 10; Sarah, 8; and Bill, 6.

The rest of the Avalanche staff will remain pretty much as in the past.

Kim D. McClain will continue in advertising sales, and Debbie St. Germain as sales representative.

Terry Wright is a staff writer, Dana Anderson works in the office, while newspaper production duties are handled by Sharon Lynch, Todd Pfaff, and Dianne Tobin.

Larry Smith will continue to deliver the paper.



A PAIR OF \$10,000 SMILES--Scott and Patty Hanson of Grayling were the lucky winners in the Chamber's annual "Chamber Challenge" raffle.

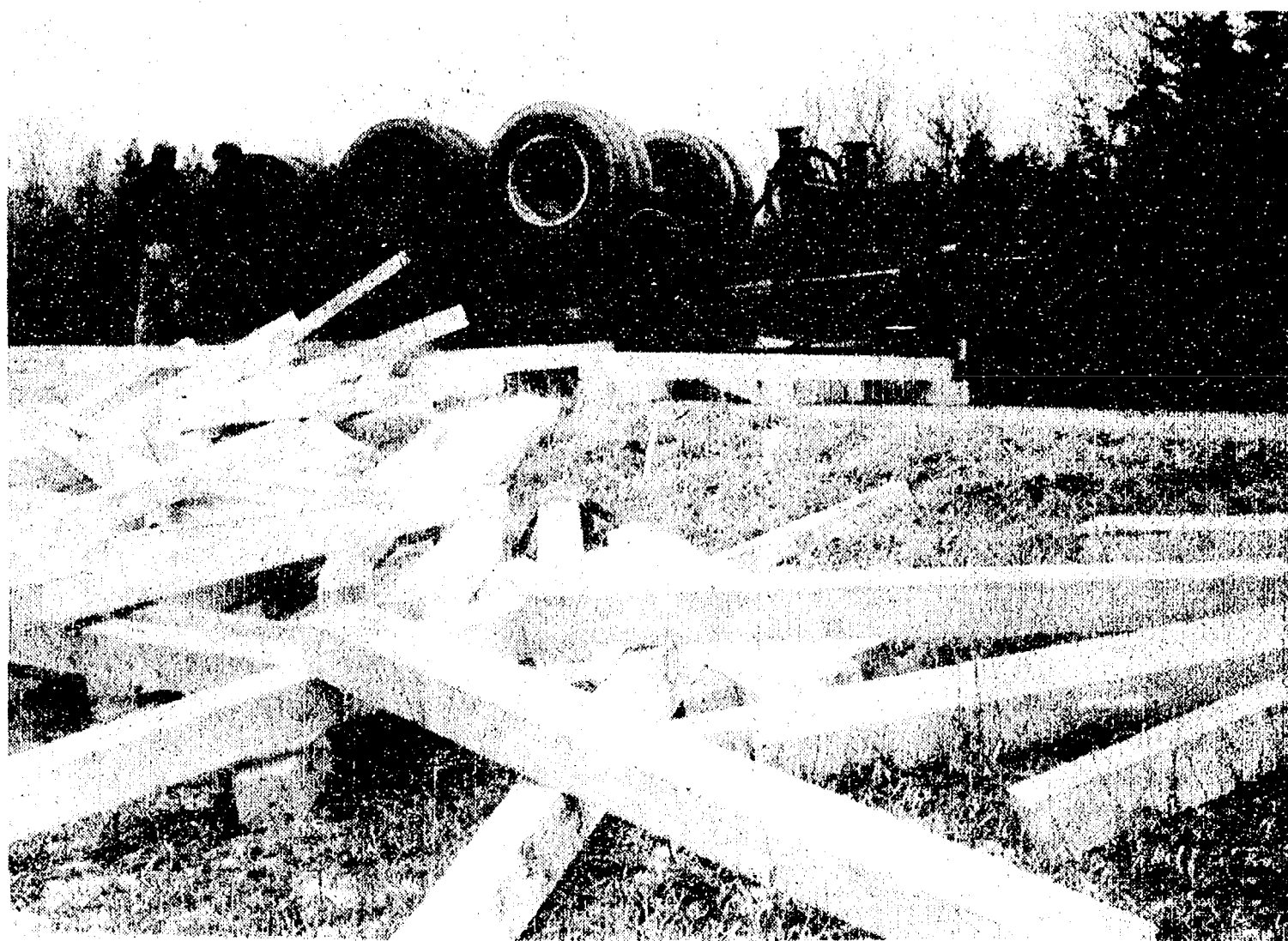
Local couple wins \$10,000

At the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce "10,000 Chamber Challenge Raffle" this past Saturday evening, many individuals went home a little bit richer. Up to \$13,000 in cash prizes are awarded each year at the chamber's major fundraising event. Additionally, local businesses donate wonderful door prizes to be given to fortunate raffle participants.

According to Chamber Executive Director Deborah Allen, approximately every third ticket is a winner of either a cash prize or a beautiful door prize.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce congratulates the winners that the Grayling Chamber Raffle is the highest prized raffle in northern Michigan. "This year was especially exciting because we had to wake the winners up, and convince them that they had actually won!" stated Allen. Kurt Hanson was at the raffle utilizing his brother Scott's ticket. When it got

down to the last three finalists Kurt couldn't decide if he should go call Scott right then, or wait to see if he was the big winner. But, Kurt managed to stay put until the last ticket verified that his brother Scott and wife, Patty Hanson, were indeed the winners of the grand prize of \$10,000. After much coaxing and convincing over the phone, from family and friends, Scott and Patty got out of bed and drove to the Holiday Inn to collect their prize.



ROLLOVER BLOCKS I-75 WITH TONS OF LUMBER--One lane of I-75 had to be closed when this trailer overturned and spilled its load of timbers. According to the Crawford County Sheriff Department, the driver of the truck fell asleep at the wheel and drifted off the pavement. The driver was wearing his seatbelt and alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Two die when car crashes, burns on N. Down River Rd

The Crawford County Sheriff Department and Grayling Fire Department were dispatched to a car fire on North Down River Road just west of Stephan Bridge Road at 3:47 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14.

Upon their arrival at the scene they found the car engulfed in flames. Two persons were apparently burned to death when they were trapped in the vehicle.

Sheriff deputies said clues from the scene revealed the car to be travelling

east at a high rate of speed when it left the highway and hit a power pole on the south side of the road. The vehicle apparently toppled several times eventually coming to rest on its top.

Although identification of the victims could not be made, it is believed they are from downstate. An autopsy of the victims was scheduled for later in the day of the accident.

It is not known if either of the victims were wearing seat belts, or if alcohol was involved.



Howard "Whitey" Madsen



Dennis Mansfield



Linda Golnick

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Survey shows problems for students

By Terry Wright

A recent survey of selected grades in the Crawford AuSable School District (CASD), showed that illegal drug use has reached alarming proportions, often far exceeding national levels.

The survey was designed by Western Michigan University and was administered by the Institute of Social Research at the University of Michigan to students in grades eight, ten, and 12. Approximately 350 CASD students participated in the survey earlier this year, which was also given to nearly 16,000 students nationwide.

The survey results were divided into four categories in each grade level showing the percent of students who reported using each drug:

- a) at least once in their life,
- b) at least once in the prior 12 months,
- c) at least once in the prior 30 days, and
- d) at least 20 times in the prior 30 days.

At CASD there were responses from 97 seniors, 134 sophomores, and 114 eighth grade students.

The survey showed that among CASD youth, alcohol is the clear drug of choice, and that:

•3.1% of CASD seniors (three students), 3.0% of sophomores (about four students), and 1.8% of eighth graders (two students), use marijuana on a daily basis. The national average is 1.9% for seniors.

•39.2% of CASD seniors, 29.9% of sophomores, and 22.8% of eighth graders report having five or more drinks in a row in the past two weeks. The national average is 27.9% for seniors.

•23.7% of CASD seniors, 17.9% of sophomores, and 20.2% of eighth graders report daily use of cigarettes. The national average is 17.2% for seniors.

•7.2% of CASD seniors, 5.2% of sophomores, and 5.3% of eighth graders use smokeless tobacco daily. The national average is 4.3% for seniors.

•7.3% of CASD seniors, 6.0% of sophomores, and 6.5% of eighth graders have used cocaine at sometime during their lives. The national average is 5.3% for seniors.

•33.7% of CASD seniors, 22.4% of sophomores, and 29.4% of eighth graders have used inhalants at sometime during their lives. The national average for seniors is 16.6%.

Crawford-AuSable Superintendent Kent Reynolds said, "It shows that we have a serious alcohol and drug problem in our community, and it's going to take an entire change in the community lifestyle before we can do something about it."

The survey lists CASD student's use of other drugs as well, including hallucinogens, heroin, tranquilizers, sedatives, stimulants, and steroids. In every case CASD seniors exceed the national average. CASD sophomores and eighth graders exceed national averages for seniors most times.

Students also responded to questions regarding the setting in which the use of alcohol and drugs occurred during the last 30 days. The four leading answers given by each group were:

- at a party,
- in a car,
- at a friend's home, and
- at my home.

The place where students use alcohol and drugs the least was answered to be at school during the day, and at a school dance, game, or event. National survey comparisons for this question were not available.

The results of the survey were presented to Crawford-AuSable School administrators, and are available to the public. The survey can be seen at the Crawford-AuSable School District Administration Building at 403 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. You may phone for an appointment at (517) 348-7641.

The same survey was conducted at CASD three years earlier with very similar results.

A 1993 analysis of student behavior by the Johnson Institute in Minneapolis

said students who report experiencing alcohol and other drug use problems are:

- twice as likely to instigate physical fights and have trouble concentrating,
- three times as likely to be truant from school,
- four times more likely to commit vandalism, and
- five times more likely to report negative school attitudes and behaviors than students not using drugs. The analysis stated that one in every ten high school seniors falls into the category of young people facing life-threatening consequences of their drug use.

An introduction to the latest survey results said, "In choosing to conduct this survey you have taken an important step in helping to recognize and deal with the problems that exist. And while the problems may be best measured while the students are in the schools, it is a problem which exists in, and must be dealt with by, the larger community. Schools have things they can do, but there are some things only parents can do, others only law enforcement can do, and still others only the community's leadership can tackle. The schools can play a central role, since they are an institution dealing exclusively with the young, but perhaps one of the most important things to have occur is for all of those other institutions to acknowledge that they 'own' part of the problem, and have a vital role to play in its solution."

Santa unable to meet children at gazebo Saturday

Santa Claus was going to meet with area children on Saturday, December 18, at the Gingerbread house in downtown Grayling by the gazebo. However, due to a conflict in his schedule, he will not be able to come.

Sheriff urges safe holiday driving

For millions of adults, the holidays are festive times filled with tradition. Unfortunately, one of those traditions is getting drunk and driving an automobile.

"If you're planning a holiday party, at the office or at home, or if you go out to celebrate this New Year's Eve, use common sense and designate a driver who will stay sober and get you home in one piece," reminds Sheriff Lovely.

Football games and a family gathering on January 1st may be part of many family's plans, but those plans can be ruined in one fatal instant. Over 50% of all fatal traffic crashes involve

a driver who is under the influence of alcohol. New Year's Eve is one of the most lethal nights in that respect.

Sheriff Lovely also cites our state's new, tougher drunk driving laws as another reason to designate a driver.

"With these new laws, drunk drivers had better beware - we'll get you off the road and keep you off the road, and you'll definitely do time - you may not even be around to enjoy the new year. Do yourself, your family and the other guy a favor...stay sober when you drive - during the holidays or anytime."

It is no secret that alcohol relaxes in-

hibitions, slows reaction time, decreases coordination and impairs judgement and vision. National, state, and local campaigns have spread the word against drunk driving, yet so many lives are still lost on our highways.

"You can help reduce the statistics instead of becoming one," says Sheriff Lovely, "use a designated driver and promote the use of one with family and friends."

"Better yet," continued the sheriff, "volunteer to be the designated driver and save a life - what better gift could you give your family and friends."

County scrambles on landfill problem

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name three other members to the committee from within the community. Miller-Canfield has done a lot of work for the county in the past and has worked with the Crawford-Otsego Landfill Authority.

The letter citing breach of contract comes from CESW as a result of the inability of commissioners to pass or reject an amendment to the Crawford County solid waste management plan that would allow CESW the opportunity to expand its base of operation from nine to 26 counties.

Attempts to pass the amendment failed three times.

After the last vote on November 3, failed to pass the amendment, Mike Nelson an attorney for City Management indicated that a lawsuit citing breach of contract was one alternative that City Management would examine as an alternative to

being given the opportunity to expand. Huss will sit with the committee for informational purposes only.

The final action the commissioners took was the authorization to seek outside legal counsel to represent the county's environmental interests. Huss and Cotant recommended the firm of Miller-Canfield from Detroit.

MAGISTRATE

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewart:

Roland J. Valentine of Leslie, was fined \$120 for Hunt Without Valid License.

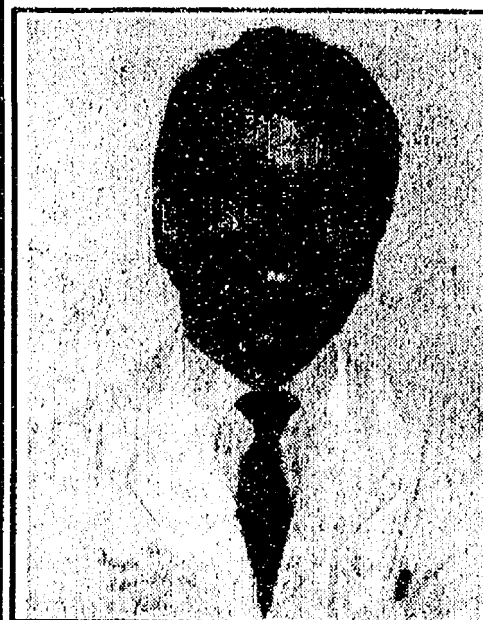
Dana Jay Parker of Mason, was fined \$120 for Uncased Gun In Motor Vehicle.

Michael Richard Brandmair of Bay City, was fined \$120 for Transport Uncased Gun in Motor Vehicle.

Jim Cyrus Grimes of South Haven, was fined \$70 for Allow Minor To Hunt Without A License.

Terry Ronald Wakeley of Grayling, was fined \$120 for Failed To Wear Hunter's Orange.

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DISTRICT COURT

Douglas Eugene Tinney, 41, of Utica, was fined \$505 or 60 days, plus his license was suspended 90 days for Impaired Driving. He was cited December 2, 1993, by the Sheriff Dept.

James Edward Thompson, 36, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$525 or 60 days, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited August 27, 1993, by the D.N.R.

Dale Allen Larm, 33, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$525 or 60 days, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited September 17, 1993, by the City Police Dept.

Charles Lawrence Schoen, 37, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$525 or 60 days, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited September 26, 1993, by the Sheriff Dept.

Gregory David Ganfi, 38, of Troy, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$525 or 60 days, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited September 18, 1993, by the State Police Dept.

Patrick James Kelley, 25, of Ypsilanti, pled guilty to the charges of Count I: Impaired Driving and Count II: Possession of Marijuana and was fined \$525 or 60 days, plus his license was suspended 90 days for Count I, and fined \$305 or 30 days for Count II. He was cited September 4, 1993.

Carlene Margaret Englund, 43, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of O.U.I.L., and was fined \$625 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended six months. She was cited September 16, 1993, by the City Police Dept.

William Franklin Butts, 33, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of O.U.I.L., and was fined \$625 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended nine months. He was cited October 2, 1993, by the Sheriff Dept.

Catherine Ann Poynter, 17, of Roscommon, pled guilty to a charge of Retail Fraud 2nd Degree, and was

fined \$160 or 14 days. She was cited November 18, 1993, by the City Police Dept.

Earl Edward Johnston, III, 22, of Grayling, demanded a preliminary exam to a charge of Breaking & Entering Unoccupied. A \$10,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Marilyn Marlene Taylor, 34, of Frederic, demanded a preliminary exam to four charges of No Account Check. A \$2,000 personal bond was set.

Maron Carney Haynes, Jr., 33, was bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of Prisoner In Possession of Contraband. No bond was set as he is a state prisoner.

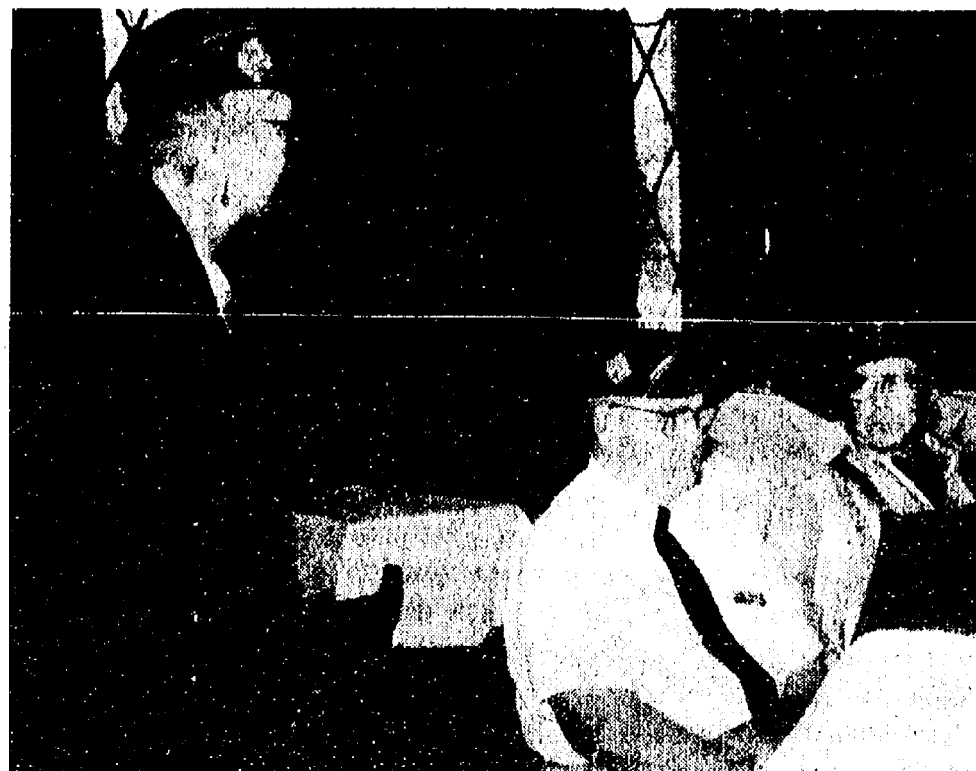
Jeremy Michael Baker, 18, of Harrison, was bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of Breaking and Entering Unoccupied. A \$10,000 cash or surety bond was set.

David Wayne Tolbert, 18, of Grayling, was bound over to Circuit Court on Count I-Felony Firearm; Count II-Carrying Concealed Weapon; Count III-Possession of Stolen Property Over \$100 was dismissed because of insufficient evidence. A \$3,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Michael Matthew Modica, 17, of Grayling, was bound over to Circuit Court on two charges of Unlawfully Driving Away Automobile. One charge of Carrying Concealed Weapon and one charge of Felony Firearm were dismissed because of insufficient evidence. A \$20,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Workers In Frederic host Christmas party

A Christmas party for the Frederic Elementary School children, Frederic and Maple Forest, through age 12 will be Saturday, December 18, at the Frederic Town Hall, from 1 to 3 p.m. Santa will be there and pictures with him will be available for a \$2 fee. Refreshments will be available. The party is sponsored by the Frederic Fire Dept. and the Workers In Frederic.



PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR--Services recently held commemorating the WWII attack on Pearl Harbor recognized Yette Szkotnicki of Grayling. Mrs. Szkotnicki was an Army WAVE stationed at Kanehoy Bay Naval Air Station. She watched the attack from across the bay.

STROLLING AROUND TOWN

by Fay Bovee

We'd like to welcome to our neighborhood, new neighbors, the Dave Sabin family. They have built a beautiful new home on AuSable Court right on the AuSable River. If they have Christmas lights up we can't quite see them from our house and we haven't been down there at night.

Grayling is being lit up like a Christmas tree! The Crawford County Library have their decorations up and lights on. On the north end of town the River Country Motel has reindeer in lights, Pointe North have many lights and an interesting colored kale garden that is still bright this time of year, Wert's Lone Pine Inn have a big display and the business next door to it has a lot of lights. The Hospitality House and Iron Gate, both under new ownership have hundreds of white lights.

There are two houses in the 600 block of Maple that have plenty of lights, over on Park Street Don Sorenson has his train up and "running," new owners at the old Schmidt house on Chestnut have two beautiful pine trees in the front yard heavy with lights. Santa Claus is on top of the chimney at the corner of Michigan and Park and the whole house is outlined in lights.

A drive out to Millikin Road, (we're not sure of the name, but there are lots of Millikins out there!) is worth the trip. The Jack "Pete" Millikins have their display of thousands of lights—they must have added some this year—and not to be outdone, the rest of their neighbors there are adding more lights every year. For a dead-end road, there must be lots of traffic this time of year—take your family out to see it.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before the Honorable William A. Porter, December 3, 1993:

Patrick Lee Devine, age 39 of Frederic, was arraigned on the charge of Assault With Dangerous Weapon, which carries a maximum penalty of four years and/or \$2,000. Devine stood mute and the court was required to enter a plea of not guilty on record.

Mark William Rosenbach, age 33 of Hazel Park, was arraigned on charges of: Breaking and Entering—Unoccupied Building With Intent, which carries a maximum penalty of ten years and Habitual Offender—2nd Conviction. Rosenbach pled guilty to Breaking and Entering. In exchange for his plea the Habitual Offender charge will be dismissed at the time of sentencing.

Stephen Robert Schultes, age 38 of Grayling, was arraigned on two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct—First Degree (relationship) which carries a maximum penalty of life or any term of years. Schultes stood mute and the court was required to enter a plea of not guilty on record.

Daniel John Cox, Jr., age 34 of Mio, was arraigned on charges of Criminal Sexual Conduct—First Degree, (Person Under 13), which carries a maximum penalty of life or any term of years and Habitual Offender—2nd Conviction, which carries a maximum penalty of 1 1/2 times the maximum sentence on primary offense or lesser term. Cox stood mute and the court was required to enter a plea of not

guilty on record.

Michael Joseph Terrien, age 18 of Grayling, was arraigned on the charge of Malicious Destruction of Property Over \$100, which carries a maximum penalty of four years and/or \$2,000. Terrien pled guilty as charged.

Jason Elton Lademan, age 17 of Frederic, was arraigned on the charge of Malicious Destruction of Property Over \$100, which carries a maximum penalty of four years and/or \$2,000. Terrien pled guilty as charged.

Anthony Joseph Dyrz, age 56 of Grayling, appeared in Circuit Court for the purpose of offering a plea. Dyrz pled guilty to Count I: Deliver/Manufacture of Marijuana, which carries a maximum penalty of four years and/or \$2,000. In exchange for his plea Count II: Deliver/Manufacture of Marijuana, Count III: Possession

of Felon Firearms and Count IV: Possession of Marijuana, will be dismissed at the time of sentencing.

Todd Michael Howe, age 21 of Grayling, was sentenced to four to 15 years in the MI Department of Corrections with credit for 160 days previously served on the charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct—Second Degree (Person Under 13). A Felonious Assault charge was dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Anthony D. Belnome, age 19 of St. Clair Shores, was arraigned on Count I: Breaking and Entering a Building With Intent. Belnome pled guilty to an added Count II: Malicious Destruction of Property Over \$100. In exchange for his plea Count I will be dismissed. It is expected that he will be sentenced to 90 days in the county jail.

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MON. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ MS conference room, 7 pm. • FRESH BBB VS. HOUGHTON LAKE, home, 7 pm. • KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. • AMERICAN ASSOC. OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm.
TUES. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ auditorium, 7 pm. • FIRST DAY OF WINTER. • SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE @ County Building, 10:30 am - 2 pm. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Copper Kettle Steak House & Lounge. • CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Abundant Life Tabernacle Church, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117.
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Thursday, December 16, 1993

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Northern Michigan taxpayers should not subsidize metropolitan cultural projects with their money

Since my election last year, I have done my best to build bridges instead of walls. In Lansing, I work every day with my colleagues in both parties trying to create solutions. In the district, I have and will continue to cooperate with all residents regardless of their party affiliation. Presently, our state is encountering many problems. At a time like this, there is no need for partisan politics. That is why I feel it is unfortunate that a Crawford County resident, who is a member of another political party and a strong supporter of my opponent in the last election, thought it was necessary to take a partisan swipe at me in your newspaper.

In a recent press release, I stated the belief that we [northern Michigan taxpayers] should not continue to subsidize libraries, museums, and other cultural institutions in one urban area. . . .

In a letter to the editor Ms. Shellfish states, "I am sorry that Rep. Lowe feels that so few in the 105th District

avail ourselves of the fine cultural and educational institutions. . . ."

I believe that Ms. Shellfish misses the point. The issue is not "how many citizens of the 105th District does Rep. Lowe believe avail themselves to the fine cultural and educational institutions of the Metro Detroit area." The issue is, "Should all of the taxpayers residents of the 105th District subsidize these institutions whether they utilize them or not." Many of the visitors to these fine institutions are very wealthy and are more than capable to afford to pay an entrance fee that would allow the institutions to be self-sufficient.

Here is just a small sampling of how some of your tax dollars are spent based on the 1992-93 fiscal year: Arts and Cultural Grants (projects that benefit mostly metropolitan and affluent areas) 3,645,400 Detroit Institute of Arts 9,648,800 Detroit History Museum 2,053,300 Detroit Zoo 1,466,600 Police for special events in Detroit

Detroit Symphony 2,346,600 Cobo Hall 1,759,900 Bell Isle 2,786,200 Antique Trolleys in downtown Detroit 1,541,700

Grant to Detroit Public Library (between 1984 and 1990 the Detroit Public Library has received over \$60,000,000) 195,100 Special subsidy to Wayne County CC (subsidy given because this community college only levies a .25 mill for operations; all other counties levy 1 full mill) 7,200,000

While all of these projects have some merit, I believe, as do a majority of my constituents, that northern Michigan taxpayers should not be required to subsidize these projects with their hard earned dollars.

If you ever are in the Lansing area please visit my office and I would be delighted to show you more examples of how your tax dollars are wasted.

Allen Lowe, State Representative

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Alone and in Need, You are My Friend, Indeed

Dear Percy Ross: My wife has long since passed away. My kids are grown and spread all over. At 62, I'm on the edge of my twilight years with no one to celebrate with—unemployed due to my age, but too young to collect my pension check.

Selling newspapers and cleaning restrooms at a gas station provide me with sleeping quarters and some food. The need to continue being self-supportive is important to my pride and sanity. Without my over-the-counter asthma medicine, the ability to work is not there. My need is to borrow \$75 to buy asthma supplies for 5 weeks in advance, which would ensure my continuous working status. Ten dollars of that would buy nutritious dog food for my only companion, who depends on me, as I on him, for love and attention. I found him alive in a trash can with 4 dead brothers and sisters. My pension will be coming in about a year which will enable me to breathe easier. Thank you for your column of hope and my much needed medicine.

Mr. J. N. . . . The Advertiser, Tallahassee, FL

Dear Mr. N.: Your thanking me in advance shows how much faith you have in my granting your request. I won't fail you because my \$200 check is on the way. May it ease your load.

Dear Mr. Ross: I did something really stupid, but I did it for a good reason. My sister called me last week and asked for \$400. She said she was going to lose her car if she couldn't pay the late payments. She's separated from her husband and has two teenage daughters.

I felt sorry for them, so I took a cash advance on our credit card, but I didn't tell my husband. We really can't afford it either, because we live from paycheck to paycheck. My conscience was really bothering me so I finally told my husband. Now he's so upset with me that he hardly speaks to me. I don't know what to do or

where to turn. Help?!

Mrs. P. K. . . . Weekend Express, Algona, IA

Dear Mrs. K.: There's always a consequence to pay, isn't there? I'm glad you helped your sister, even though you should have told your husband about withdrawing money before you did it. However, if you hadn't told your husband before writing me I'd be sending you nothing. Seeing as you're battling .500 I'm sending you \$200. Best wishes.

Dear Mr. Ross: My problem is my mom and fiancée's parents. We were trying to get our wedding plans organized and because we don't have very much money, we're trying to keep things small. We liked the idea of getting married in the morning and then have a little get-together at a hall we found that we could get for free. The problem is that our parents said that this isn't the way people do it and that our plans were dumb. My mom even said that we were making her look cheap by doing things that way. Even though they say these things, no one has offered any money to help.

Since their lack of support is so clear, we have now decided to meet privately with the priest and get married. I'm writing you because it would mean so much to me if I could buy my bride a dress to wear for the service. I love her so much and it would make her so happy to wear a new dress. We don't need anything fancy—just a nice white dress.

Mr. D. V. . . . Genesee County Herald, Mt. Morris, MI

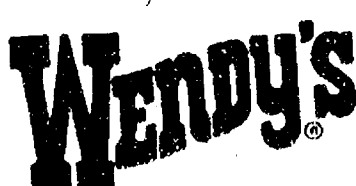
Dear Mr. V.: Storybook weddings are just that—fairy tales. After starting out on that foot, even a honeymoon can be a let down. I think what you've proposed to do is just as meaningful and romantic as the best of them. I'm honored to play a part, so please accept my check and give the bride a kiss for me.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School district attendance code undermines parental authority

It is my opinion that the Crawford AuSable School District's attendance code undermines parental authority.

The policy begins by explaining the correlation between attendance in school and academic achievement which states that regular school attendance is vitally important to the student's academic progress. So far I agree. It states that students will be allowed 12 absences per class per semester and that any absences beyond the allowed 12 must be "bought back" on a one-hour-for-one-hour basis, before the end of the semester, or credit for the classes taken during that semester will be withheld. These absences must be made up after school or Saturdays as scheduled by school personnel. Here I begin to have a problem. In my opinion, if missed work is made up and a student is able to pass the required examinations, I do not understand why credit should be withheld. But where I really take exception to the school's policy is in its definition of which absences are included in the 12-day limit and those that are not.

According to the policy, the following are included in the 12-day limit: student illness, prearranged absences, family trips, medical/dental appointments, religious observations, violation of closed campus, and any other absences not listed in the No Count section. Absences in the No Count section include: athletic events, class/student government meetings,

school sponsored field trips, curricular trips, (Spanish Day, Forensics, etc.), band competitions or performances, in/out-of school suspensions, extended absences due to medical procedures with proper documentation, homebound absences, absences in excess of five days approved by the Attendance Advisory Committee, prearranged college visitations, and family deaths (parents, siblings and grandparents). In other words, all absences sanctioned by teachers/coaches and administrators are considered important and are not counted in the 12-day limit, but absences approved by parents are considered less important and are limited. Illnesses must be documented by a doctor before they are considered a "no count." For our family, that involves a long distance telephone call on our part, and time out of the doctor/doctor's staff's busy day to write and mail a statement validating that our daughter was indeed too ill to attend school. I feel this is completely unnecessary, my judgement should be accepted. Medical expenses are costly enough and families have enough to do without being forced to comply with ridiculous requests by the school district. I cannot believe missing school because of illness is not accepted as readily by school administrators as it is to miss school to participate in a golf match! School suspensions are not counted in the 12-day limit, but attending a special church service is.

The policy is too extensive (taking up pages 19, 20, and 21 of the high school handbook) to discuss fully in this letter. I encourage parents to get hold of a copy and re-read it carefully. Take time to familiarize yourself with the membership and authority of the attendance review advisory committee. This committee ultimately decides who receives credit and who does not and parents are not represented on this committee.

I will be attending the December 20th school board meeting to voice my opposition to the district's attendance policy and would appreciate it if other parents who share my concern would also try to be there. The school administrators I spoke to contend I am alone in my objection. The board will be meeting in the Grayling Middle School conference room at 7 p.m. If you would like to speak, call the central office at 348-7641 and ask to have your name added to the agenda.

I am a firm believer in education, but I take exception when educators leave the classroom and begin meddling in decisions that are mine alone to make. I am convinced that this policy is not about reducing absences, but about who controls student absences. I would be happy to discuss this with any and all interested individuals, and can be reached at 348-4318.

Irene Pettyjohn
Grayling

Some people have no respect for the dead

I'm disgusted with people who have no respect for the dead. After years of no flowers on my grandparents' grave F. D. Bridges and wife V. C. Bridges, someone overnight stole the wreath I put there with the help of my daughter. She bought them, four, one for S. Madsen, Moore, and June Feldhauser, and my grandparents. It made me feel so good to know someone cared. We put them on about 4 p.m. and I took a friend to show them and the one was gone. Letting people know.

Betty Madsen

Free turkeys go against holiday spirit

I have been in the Grayling area since 1971 and know how hard it is for some people to feed their families. Usually these people have low paying jobs and have no money for extras, especially this time of year. So just imagine my frustration when reading the Grayling Township minutes of November 9, 1993. The well-paid employees of Grayling Township voted themselves another \$25 for a turkey AGAIN. I could have spit nails because they do this year in and year out!

After reading about the plight of the animal shelter and how SOME people even work for FREE! I want to ask that the Grayling Township Board of Trustees give the turkey money to the shelter or at least donate it to some poor people so they can eat a nice dinner too.

I'll be waiting for the next meeting to see what they choose to do about re-donating MY tax dollars.

John W. Cobb
Grayling

ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

I see by the papers. . . .

ELDERS SPEAKS OUT—I see by the papers that Joycelyn Elders has not become a shrinking violet now that she is settling into her new job as surgeon general.

Far from it. Just when it appeared safe to tone down news coverage on the Elders front, the good doctor suggested that maybe drugs such as cocaine and heroin should be legalized. It would cut down on the rate of crime, she reasoned.

"I do feel we would markedly reduce our crime rate if drugs were legalized," Dr. Elders told the National Press Club luncheon.

Some logic. If owning, using, and selling heroin and cocaine became legal, then the crime of owning, selling, etc., would be eliminated. Sure the crime rate would go down. The traffic would continue, or even increase, but it wouldn't be a crime anymore.

And it wouldn't solve the human problems that these drugs cause, and it likely wouldn't diminish the violence connected with the drug traffic. Drugs are a violent business. It's like trying to bring down the number of speeding law violators by raising the speed limit. Drivers would still speed, but they wouldn't be lawbreakers anymore.

Maybe Gen. Elders should go back to her primary early role of pushing condoms.

TO HIS CREDIT, President Clinton did not disown Gen. Elders for her suggestions. He didn't endorse the sentiment, either.

When you have someone who is outspoken and energetic like she is, there are going to be times when she'll be outspoken and energetic in

a way that I don't necessarily agree with," Mr. Clinton said.

He added that he thinks "the cost of legalizing drugs would far outweigh the benefits."

Gen. Elders was right on with one of her other suggestions to the Press Club. She asked parents not to buy toy guns as holiday gifts for children, because such presents contribute to a growing culture of violence.

On that score, she's right on target, so to speak.

NEW CONGRESSMAN—I see by the papers that State Sen. Vernon Ehlers will become Michigan's newest member of the U.S. Congress.

He was recently elected to replace the late Rep. Paul Henry, who died July 31.

By all accounts, Mr. Ehlers should make an outstanding member of Congress. He has served with distinction in both houses of the Michigan legislature, after a career of teaching physics.

Mr. Henry's untimely death set into motion a political domino effect which unfortunately shortchanges voters in too many cases, including this one.

As happened here, the holder of another officer—Sen. Ehlers—is the successful bidder for the open Henry seat, winning in a special election.

Now a new special election must be held to pick a successor to Sen. Ehlers. One of the leading candidates is State Rep. Richard Bandstra. Other members of the Michigan House also may jump into the fray, and one likely could win.

Which, of course, would create another vacancy, and another special election, which likely would attract county commissioners or city officials,

which could create another special election to fill yet another vacancy.

IT'S AN EXPENSIVE process, as well as leaving gaps in citizen representation at one level or another. A similar situation developed when former State Sen. Nick Smith's election to Congress last fall led to at least two other special elections.

Perhaps it's time to consider requiring an elected official to serve out the term to which elected, by forbidding her/him to seek any other elective office during the term they asked for in the first place.

That would mean governors could not leave a vacancy to become president, or senators to become vice president, or legislators to become mayors.

Maybe they should be required to resign before seeking higher office.

There are legitimate arguments against this thought, but maybe it should be seriously considered. It sure would cut down on public spending for special elections.

COLUMN CLOSER—Wit and wisdom from the *Rotarian* magazine: "When your outgo exceeds your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall."

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



NOTES FROM THE WOODS

By Nancy Lemmen

The three colors of tulips were magnificent last spring. One was a buttery white, another pale pink and a third the color of bubble gum. They bloomed sequentially for several weeks in May. I would perch myself at the far end of the dinner table so I could study them through the dining room window.

I still remember the day he planted the bulbs. I wanted to be outside with him, but I had a previous appointment. While I listened to information about tax-sheltered annuities in the same seat from which I would admire his efforts eight months later, he worked outside alone.

First he removed all the surface rocks from a small half circle around the weeping cherry tree and took them away in a wheelbarrow. Then he hauled back and worked rich garden dirt into the soil. Finally, he planted a dozen bulbs in each of the three colors, the sections extending like slices of half a pie from the foot of the tree.

For the rest of the fall we waited. All winter we waited. Through the

early weeks of spring we waited. Finally, as the warm weather deepened, the three dozen tulips began to sprout and grow and eventually bloomed into a glorious mass of three colors.

I remember all this because we waited so long to see what his efforts would bring and I remember because they were beautiful.

But mainly I remember — and I think I will never forget — because one day as we both admired the tulips through the window, he told me casually: "You know, when I planted those tulips, I didn't know if I was going to be around to see them come up."

He was alone when he had received the news one day in early fall. Then, the weather was still so soft and gentle that nearly every day after work, I would root around in the garden, weeding and hoeing the earth, pruning dying leaves and harvesting the remains of the fruits of my summer's efforts.

I was there, squatting on my haunches by the herbs, when he came home with his simple and chilling

news: The doctor had called him at work. There was a reason for the ulcer that refused to go away. The CT scan had shown a tumor.

From that day on, the weather and the garden took on much less importance as our lives spun into new orbits, revolving around diagnostic tests, appointments with doctors and telephone calls. We flew to Minnesota for him to be tested by doctors at Mayo Clinic. We admitted him into a hospital so a surgeon could cut open his belly and took out a sample of tissue. We sat together as we heard the diagnosis.

Still, at home, we maintained a semblance of control by continuing to go through the daily rhythms of normal existence. We worked. We talked — a lot. We ate. We slept — badly. Sometimes we became lost in the loneliness of our private thoughts. Other times we shared our array of concerns.

And to some degree, our lives continued as usual. We saw our friends, our families. We cared for the pets and the house and the yard. I spoke to the salesman about about tax-sheltered annuities. He planted the tulips bulbs.

He began a long round of chemotherapy.

In the spring, we found ourselves still working and talking and eating and sleeping — better. Still seeing our friends and family. Still caring for the pets and the house and yard. Working at the ground with our rakes. Pulling the mulch off the tender perennial sprouts as they poked their heads through the ground. Running the rototiller through the garden to prepare it for planting. Mowing the lawn to rid it of the last of the fallen oak leaves. And watching for the tulips to emerge and bloom.

And this fall, on our way home from one of many radiation treatments, we bought dozens more bulbs. Then together we planted them.

Now we will wait through another winter for another spring. We have no expectations. We take nothing for granted. Still, we hope we will see the flowering of this fall's efforts when our small circle of tulips heralds the renewal and the continuity of all forms of life.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

By Joe Murphy

Well, no miracles happened and I did not get a deer again this year. One did have me worried about 4:30 the last day. I saw a deer coming through the woods and was thinking I hope it's not a buck. When it came to a spot where I could check it out I was happy to see it was a doe. She was acting like there might be a buck on her trail so I decided to get out of the woods before I did something really stupid and wound up working half the night getting one out of the woods. Still all in all I enjoyed the hours I spent in the woods and though I did not see many deer, that little incident with the doe in the last hour will win it a place in memory.

Today I went out looking for a rabbit, but again I drew a blank. Now that the snowshoes have turned white it would be easy to see them on bare ground. I guess they too are mighty hard to find as I didn't see a rabbit track on what snow we had before. I am sure glad I am not depending on the woods to supply the meat in my diet like I have had to do at times. I'm afraid I would see a lot more mealtimes than meals the way game is today. I have to feel the great abundance of game and fish that were there for the taking during the hard depression days were the work of God's hand. I know that a lot of families would have suffered a lot more if the game had been as scarce as it is today. Even old men who could barely walk could take their old shotgun, and if they could get to the woods at all, could come home with the meat for a few meals. May Lake there near Frederic was always good for a few fish for the frying pan. I can remember old



John Malco who lived in Frederic at the time had an old row boat he left there, we could use if he wasn't there. You didn't get a lot and they were not too big, but they would be enough to provide a meal.

I see that a lot of places are all decorated to remind us that Santa will soon pay us a visit. I think it is great that so many people will devote so much time and effort to make a drive around town such a pleasure. If you maybe find yourself a little short of Christmas spirit, looking at all those beautiful light displays will soon have you singing Christmas carols. I want to personally say a big thank you to all you nice folks who make Christmas in Grayling such a pleasure for the eyes. I know many folks are busy now getting things set up so that all may enjoy Christmas to its fullest.

But let's not let all the tinsel and glitter make us forget that we are celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you do not take the time to read your children the Christmas story as told in Luke Chapter 2, you are robbing them of the true meaning and reason for our Christmas cheer. I can think of nothing as touching as a family gathered around the tree on Christmas eve and the father or mother reading the Christmas story to wide eyed children.

Rotary officials visit Grayling

By Don Geiss

Norman Veliquette, a cherry processor and Rotarian from Elk Rapids, visited the Grayling Rotary Club at its regular meeting last week. Veliquette is the Governor of Rotary International District 6290.

During his one year term of office, Governor Norm will visit each of the 56 Rotary clubs in District 6290, a district encompassing an area from Holland and Grand Rapids in the south to Blind River and Wawa, Ontario, north of Sault Ste. Marie.

Veliquette praised the local club for

projects such as the high school scoreboard, museum rehabilitation and Riverhouse Shelter donation.

He noted that Rotary clubs are characterized by their Four Avenues of Service: fellowship in the club, promotion of ethical values in all occupations, service to the community and the building of goodwill among people of the world.

The motto of Rotarians is "Service Above Self." Veliquette personalized his message of service and challenged local members, "Believe in what you do! Do what you believe in!"

Civil War veterans information sought

The group of local people who are attempting to make sure that all Civil War veterans graves are marked with stones need the help of some readers. This year's phase of the project is to see that all graves in the old section of Elmwood Cemetery are identified. Ten veterans do have Civil War markers but there are still several mysteries concerning some others. Because cemetery records over the years have not always been accurate, the committee are attempting to locate information on several veterans.

We are hoping that some of the relatives of the Taylors will come forward to help us. According to records in the State Archives in Lansing there are two Taylors on Lot 22 who

were veterans. With a little research, we have turned up the fact that Adelbert Taylor did indeed own Lot 22 in the Old Cemetery. However, there is no record of his being buried there. Further searching in the 1890 Special Civil War Enumeration Census at the Crawford County Library shows two Taylors, one Adelbert Taylor of Co. B, 22d NY Cav who enlisted December 19, 1863, and was discharged March 19, 1865, and another Andrew J. Taylor of Co I 128th Ohio Inf.

Who can help us? If you have information or know of anyone related to these people who might help us, please call Terry Wright at the Avalanche, 348-6811, Chief Peter Stephan, 348-2131 at the City office, or Fay Bovee, 348-7017.

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Pfc. Robert L. McClure, son of Cynthia and Robert L. McClure, Sr. of Roscommon, recently reported for duty with 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Alameda, California. The 1990 graduate of Adams High School of Dallas, joined the Navy in February, 1993.

The 1991 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School of Walled Lake, joined the Marine Corps in February, 1993.

Navy Seaman Recruit Joseph Payne, son of Sylvia Payne of Roscommon, recently reported for duty aboard the



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COMMISSION ON AGING

By Jan Farley

The Shawono Carolers will be singing around the Senior Housing complex on December 15 and will drop into the Center for cocoa and cookies around 4 p.m. Help us make them welcome and come in and sing a few carols together.

December birthdays were celebrated on December 7 with BK Bingo. Everyone had such a good time and the cake and ice cream was marvelous. Prizes galore for the lucky winners so all of you who have January birthdays, put a big X on the second Tuesday, January 11, at 12:30 p.m.

The "Ritz on Lawndale" (Senior Citizen dining room) is, "Where the elite meet 'eat'." For a donation of \$1.50 per meal for seniors and a cost of \$2.50 for those under 60, you can get the best deal in town on a delicious meal. Reservations are needed (348-7123), but if you find yourself in town and want to stop in, please feel free to enjoy our meals at any time; we can always feed you.

Congregate meals are served at noon and five o'clock, Monday through Thursday and at noon on Fridays. Menus are subject to change and are listed as Lunch/Dinner:

December 15-Italian Pork Roast/ Beef Tips & Noodles;
December 16-Liver & Onions/ Home Fried Steak;
December 17-Chicken and Dumplings;

December 20-Beef Stir Fry/ Meatloaf;

December 21-Italian Round Steak/ Maryland Chicken;

December 22-Hamburg and Cheese Noodles/Beef Stew;

Center closed December 23 and 24 for the Christmas holidays.

Coming Events

Mark your calendars for December happenings:

December 15-COA Board meets at 5:30 p.m.

December 16-Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

December 17-Lovells satellite and Legal help at the center at 1:30 p.m.

December 19-Sunday potluck at 4 p.m., bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

December 28-White elephant auction at 5:30 p.m.

December 29-New Year's bash, ring in the new year with dinner and dancing. We are thinking of a "semi" formal affair, but you decide how dressed up you want to be. The "pseudo" new year will be at 7 p.m. (just 43 hours early)!

Special note: The center will be closed on December 23 and 24 and also on December 30 and 31 for the holidays.

Crafts every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., bring your own to do or learn something new to do with the gang.

Bible study at 10:30 every Wednesday.

Michelson presents Christmas musical

On Friday evening, December 16, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will present the first of three performances of *The Gift*, a musical production especially for the Christmas season. Doors will open at 6:45 and the performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge, however audience members will have an opportunity to share in the cost of the production.

With a chorus of almost 40, nine actors, a 12 member musical ensemble and three production people, *The Gift* is much more than a Christmas Cantata. Written by Dennis and Nan Allen, *The Gift* tells the story of the birth of Christ

as seen through the eyes of the Roman tax collector and the owner of the inn and the stable where Jesus was born. Lighting, scenery and costuming are effectively used to enhance the production.

For those who will be unable to attend the opening performance Friday evening, additional performances have been scheduled for Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. *The Gift* is being presented by the Chancel Choir of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, assisted by singers from throughout the community and by members of the Grayling High School Band.

Holidays are a time for safety

The holiday season is traditionally a joyful time of the year, but it can also be a dangerous one if caution is exercised with Christmas lighting and trees, warns Consumers Power Company and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall Division.

"In 1992, the month of December was one of the highest for structure fires in the state of Michigan, totalling some 1,880 incidents," said Linda L. Sims, communications director for the utility's central region. "People should try to pause in the hectic rush of getting ready for Christmas to make sure they are preparing and decorating in a safe manner."

Of the 53,000 fires reported in Michigan during 1992, most occurred between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight, commonly when the home was occupied. The three common areas where fire occurred in the home included the kitchen, bedroom and living area (family room).

"During this holiday season, we encourage all residents to test their smoke detectors to insure they are in proper working order," said Detective Sergeant Joel DeKraaker of the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall Division. "Families should note escape routes to ensure a timely escape, should a fire occur."

Consumers Power and the State Fire Marshall offer these safe holiday suggestions:

•If you buy a previously cut tree, make sure it is fresh and green with needles that are flexible. When you get it home, cut off the bottom inch of the trunk and place it in water. Make sure your tree stand has a reservoir for water and check the water level daily; trees absorb from two pints to a gallon of water each day.

•Erect the tree away from fireplaces or other heat sources, such as heating ducts, radiators, TV sets or holiday candles and make sure it is in a steady stand and well supported.

•Tree decorations should be fire retardant and should not have sharp edges. They should be made of a material that doesn't break easily. Tinsel or artificial icicles should be of a non-leaded material.

•If you have a metallic tree, do not trim it with electric lights; damaged insulation in lights could charge the

entire tree with electricity.

•Check all holiday lights for loose connections, broken or cracked sockets or frayed or bare wires. Use only lighting sets and other electrical decorations that carry the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) mark. When installing multiple sets of lights, don't overload a circuit.

•Fasten outdoor lights securely to a wall or tree to avoid wind damage. Never use indoor lights outdoors. Always turn off all holiday lighting when you leave home or go to bed.

•Special care should be taken around your fireplace during this season. Make sure the flue is open before starting a fire. Use a fireplace screen to keep sparks and embers within the firebox. •Don't open gifts next to a fireplace, and remove all wrappings from the room as quickly as possible. Don't burn wrappings in the fireplace; they can ignite suddenly and flare.

•Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on a wood fire. Keep them away from young children who might think they are edible. Also make sure that matches and lighters are out of a child's reach.

•Don't burn old Christmas trees in the fireplace.

•Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

•If everyone follows these common sense rules, we'll all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season, added Sims.

Consumers Power Company, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation, is Michigan's largest natural gas and electric utility, serving six million of the state's nine and one-half million residents in 67 of 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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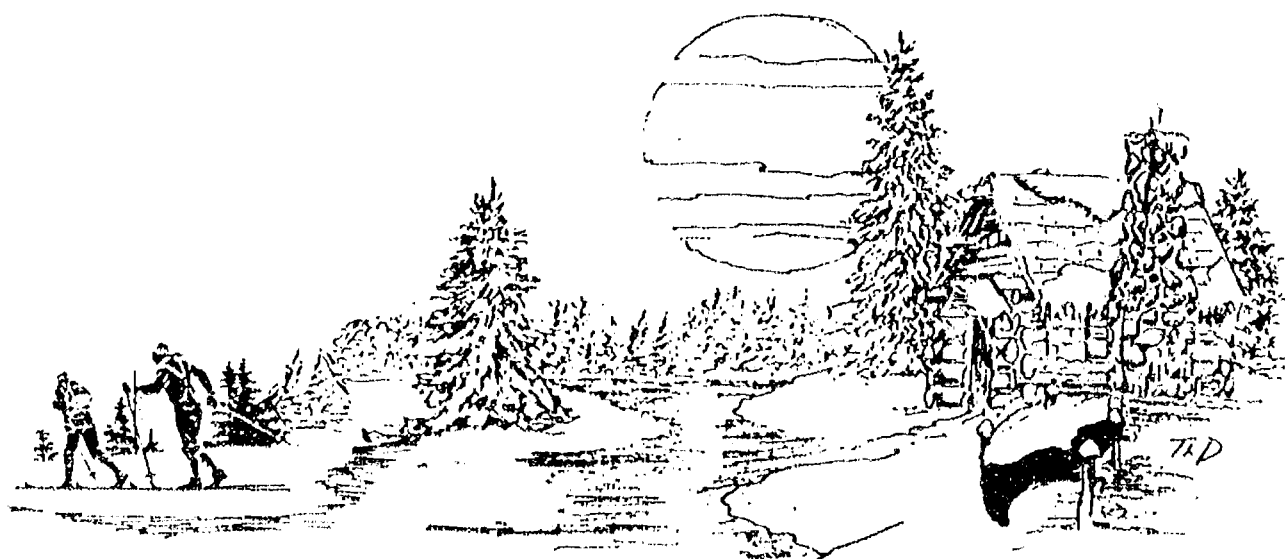
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- ☒ Hiking Boots
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GRAYLING'S CHRISTMASSPIRIT ABOUNDS--(Above) Ferne Farber accepts a \$500 check for Riverhouse Shelter from AMVET Commander Sherman Bresette (Above Right) Lanice Rutter of the Grayling Uptown Development Association presents a check in the amount of \$211 to Gerry Schroeder of the Christian Help Center. The money came from the proceeds of the annual Christmas Walk theatre program. (Right) Mike McNamara presents a check from Mac's Drug Store wishing well to Gerry Schroeder of the Christian Help Center. Mac's matched the money left in the well. (Photos by Linda Wright)

DNR ranks 1994 deer harvest as seventh best in state history

An estimated 214,000 white-tailed deer were harvested in Michigan by firearm hunters during the November 15-30 season, ranking this year's harvest the seventh best in history and comparable to the 1986 firearm deer season. Department of Natural Resources officials also reported that the 1993 firearm deer season was the safest ever recorded.

"It appears that DNR estimates were essentially on target," noted Director Roland Harnes, "and I'm very pleased that we're nearing our ultimate management goal of 1.3 million deer."

"We also must not overlook the fact that 1993 was the safest firearm deer hunting season on record," Harnes continued. "All those who volunteered their time to teach vital hunter safety and education courses deserve our heartfelt appreciation and commendation for their personal contributions toward this outstanding achievement."

DNR Wildlife Division Chief George Burgoyne explained that the deer harvest is estimated by a survey of southbound traffic transporting harvested deer, and by monitoring hunting activity and success throughout the 16-day season.

"The 1993 firearm deer harvest represents about a 15 percent reduction from last year, and the number of antlerless licenses issued this year was reduced from 254,916 in 1992 to 190,482 in 1993, as fewer antlerless licenses are needed to control deer numbers when the herd becomes smaller," Burgoyne noted.

The DNR also reports that the herd has been intentionally reduced about 25 percent from the peak of two million deer four years ago, to reduce damage to agricultural crops, to reduce deer-vehicle accidents, and to

maintain a herd in balance with available habitat, food and cover.

DNR biologists believe some local reductions in herd size may have resulted from the starvation of deer during the 1991-92 winter, and from decreased fawn survival during the cold summer of 1992. There were also fewer hunters afield in 1993.

Deer hunting continues in Michigan, as the archery season resumed December 1, and will continue through January 1, 1994. The muzzleloading season runs from December 3 through December 12 in the Upper Peninsula, and December 10 through December 19 in the Lower Peninsula.

River House seeks holiday gifts

Wish gift items which will be needed are any type of stocking stuffer for children and teens, building blocks, Legos, models, stuffed animals, soft dolls, infant toys, mittens and hats, earmuffs, teething rings and rattles, hand puppets, toy trucks - Tonka/Buddy L, craft kits for older children.

River House is in need of wish gift items, new and packaged, but not

wrapped. Christmas wrap and ribbons may also be donated so that moms can wrap their children's gifts.

It is the goal of River House that no one goes without gifts at Christmas.

paperback books for children ages 12-15, games for teenagers and curling irons and blow dryers.

Persons or organizations wishing to donate gift items or dollar donations may contact the shelter between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make arrangements for donations to be dropped off, or phone 348-3169.

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Correction

We wish to make the following corrections to the "THANK YOU" ad by Amicare Home Healthcare honoring members of their staff which appeared in the Dec. 2nd edition of this publication:

The following people, which were listed as nurses, are certified home health aides: Tina Canfield, Dawn Herrick Cook, Bonnie Knapp, Margo Richardson, Robin Ross, Audrey Schroeder, Sandy Thatcher and Debbie Ward. Those following are physical therapy assistants: Linda Grosskopf, Colleen Potter-Burton and Tammie Stearley.

We also wish to add to the listing Jim Nygard, physical therapist; Kathleen Kenney, occupational therapy assistant; Cheryl Melroy, registered dietitian; and Jan Bersted, director of the Grayling branch of Amicare.

We apologize for those who were incorrectly listed or omitted, and again, thank all of our staff for the excellent care they provide to the communities we serve.

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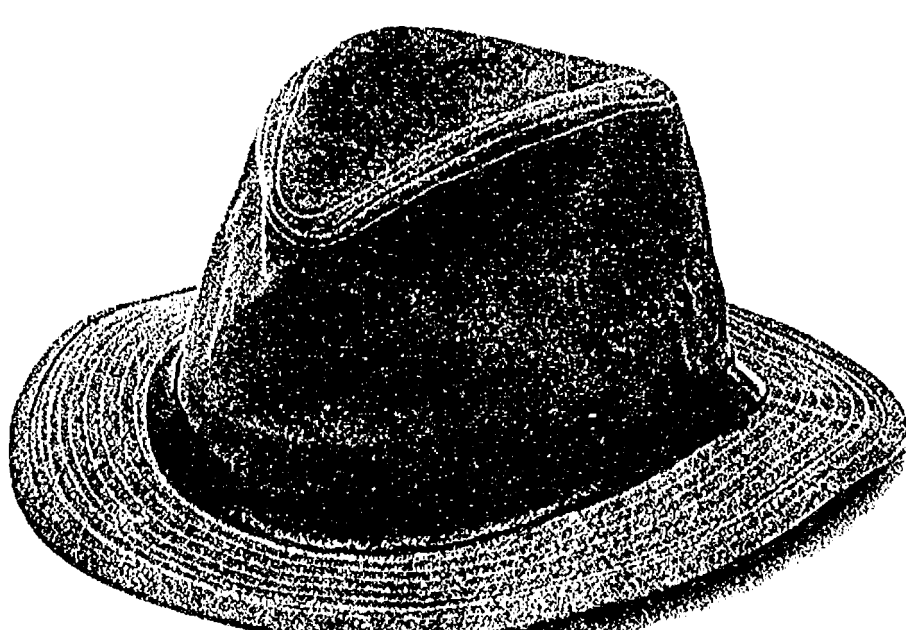
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December 21, 1993

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G.H.S. Jazz Band





MOST DESERVING ART STUDENT—Pictured above left to right back row Andrea Duncley, Shalee Cox, Randy Fords, Kim Hatfield, Justin Fenn, front row, Christopher Phillips, April Wheeler, Aaron Rosecrans, Randy Bordeaux, Tyson Herrick. These students were selected as "Most Deserving Art Student" from Frederic Elementary School. (Photo by Pat Nunn)

Kirtland College to display 'The Fiber Group' exhibit

The Continuing Education Center at Kirtland Community College will be the site of a fiber exhibit from Tuesday, December 14 through Thursday, December 23, and again from Monday, January 3 through January 29, 1994. The exhibit is open weekdays only.

Works are from "The Fiber Group," a group of seven women from the Detroit and northern Michigan area. Included are: Carole Donna, Gladwin; Danielle Bodine, Birmingham; Jean Brudzinski, Rochester; Venice Rioux, Rochester; Hadwiga Stecker, Rochester Hills; Germaine Smith, Waterford; and Margaret Windeknecht, Rochester. The group has shown works in local, national and international exhibits and many of their projects are on display in Detroit area businesses and offices.

A wide variety of fiber techniques will be on display and represents a cross-section of contemporary fiber art. For further information contact Kirtland's Continuing Education center at 517-275-5121, extension 224.

Rotary Club to award scholarships

The Grayling Rotary Club will accept applications for the educational scholarship from individuals who have completed one year of college. Application forms may be obtained from any Rotary member or from the Grayling High School Counseling Department. Individuals may be awarded this scholarship only once. Applications should be mailed no later than December 31, to the Grayling Rotary Club, P.O. Box 373, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

GHS yearbooks still available

The 1994 Grayling High School SAGA yearbook, "Picture This!", is on sale now until Christmas for \$25, the same price as last year, but with an added benefit.

Students who order their yearbooks before December 25 can have their names embossed in red foil on the front cover, which will be white, black and red.

To order a SAGA, bring a check for \$25 to Room 13 at GHS. In the memo section of the check, include exactly how the embossed name should read.

There are still a few 1993 yearbooks waiting to be picked up by members of last year's graduating class.

Finally, there are a few extra copies of the '93 SAGA, which also can be purchased in Room 13 — before or after school hours.

GRAYLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL


Laurie Pullen-Johnson's 2nd grade class recently wrote stories about how constellations were "made." The following is an example:


Kelly K.
Laurie Pullen-Johnson
2nd grade
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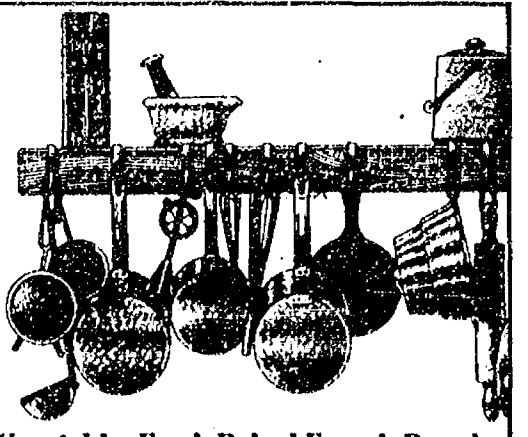


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Boone, Frank married

The Butterfly Garden of Ridley Creek mansion-Media, Pennsylvania, was the setting for the September 11, 1993, wedding of Mary Elizabeth Boone and Jared Alex Frank.

The Reverend Graham Horne officiated at the double ring ceremony for the daughter of Carolyn and William Boone of Grayling, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Frank of Roscommon.

Linda Kennedy, Philadelphia Symphony harpist performed wedding music throughout the ceremony.

Mary Elizabeth was escorted through the garden to the wedding site near the lily pool, for the ceremony, by her father.

For her wedding, Mary Elizabeth wore an Elaina Creation of Ivory satin

and seed pearls. Her long formal veil was attached to a European pearl crown that was worn by her mother at her wedding. Prior to the nuptial, Mary Elizabeth was given an elegant family pearl necklace from her parents.

Her maid of honor was Sheila West. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Lowes and Melissa Mount. Sarah Bottomly was the flower girl.

Best man was Robert McFalls. Groomsmen were William Frank, father of the groom, Anthony Festa and James Boone, brother of the bride. The ringbearer was George Mount.

A reception was held at Pica's Country Club in nearby Upper Darby.

The couple reside in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

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Kirtland closed for holidays

Kirtland Community College will be closed from Friday, December 24, through Sunday, January 2, 1994. The college will reopen for regular business at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 3,

Illnesses linked to Agent Orange increase

Disability compensation will now be awarded to Vietnam veterans for nine ailments resulting from exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange.

Four new diseases were added in September: cancer of the lung, larynx and trachea and multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow.

"Including lung cancer on the list was a big step forward," says Fred Juarbe, director of VFW's National Veterans Service. "It was one of the more contentious ailments attributed to the chemical defoliant."

Over the next five years, compensation for defoliant-related diseases will total \$350 million. But VA Secretary Jesse Brown called it the "right and proper" thing to do.

Approval of the additional illnesses for disability benefits was not unexpected in light of the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine report. It found "limited/suggestive evidence" that the four cancers, along with prostate cancer, were linked to the herbicide.

A VA task force, however, "did not find an association between exposure and prostate cancer at this time." Study of prostate cancer and peripheral neuropathy (a nervous system disorder) is still under study. Brown is determined to resolve "an issue that has preyed on the minds of veterans for decades."

VFW is likewise dedicated to fully resolving this sad legacy of the Vietnam War. "We continue to

vigorously support liberalizing criteria for the disposition of herbicide-related claims," says Washington Office Executive Director Larry Rivers.

"This included placing the burden of proof for the award of disability compensation on the U.S. government — after veterans establish prima facie evidence — and making it responsible for providing medical care and treatment as requested."

There is another step to be taken too. "Vietnam vets carried on the Agent Orange Registry should have the option of being examined by VA to measure dioxin levels to determine whether there are shared medical conditions among them," points out VFW Legislative Director Jim Magill.

Approximately 250,000 veterans are listed on the Agent Orange Registry. To date, 40,097 have been examined. Some 29,000 claims are still pending the outcome of a lawsuit settlement.

Ailments attributed to Agent Orange: Chloracne, Larynx Cancer, Lung Cancer, Multiple Myeloma, Soft Tissue Sarcoma, Trachea Cancer, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Prophyria Cutanea Tarda, Hodgkin's Disease.

For assistance in filing for Agent Orange-related claims, please contact your department service officer of VFW's National Veterans Service, Attention Fred Juarbe, Jr., VFW Memorial Bldg., 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002, (202) 543-2239.

V.F.W. membership drive continues

V.F.W. Post 3736 and Auxiliary are still recruiting men and women who served in the armed forces in a foreign campaign and have been honorably discharged.

Due may be paid annually or only once, if you opt to become a life member. Included in your dues are a no-cost insurance and a subscription to the *VFW Magazine*.

When you become a member of the VFW, your help is felt nationwide through the survival of the many programs your dues support.

In addition to the positive programs promoted by the VFW, our membership strength is felt in the halls of Congress where big numbers attract a lot of attention.

If we are to preserve the VA medical system and guarantee superior care

for American's veterans, we need a vibrant membership.

If we are to persuade our government not to send young men and women into harm's way if it is not in the national interest, then we need strength.

If V.F.W. is to support the aims listed in their congressional charter — fostering true patriotism, maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom and protecting the United States from all enemies — they need committed members.

Now is the time to take action to show your continued support, which is always and greatly appreciated. Contact Ernie Hale, post commander or Lou Ann Crosby, auxiliary president (348-8186) for further membership information.

Christmas program December 19 at Frederic Baptist

On Sunday, December 19, at 6 p.m., the First Baptist Church of Frederic will be having their Sunday School Christmas program. After the program, the teens will be going caroling in the area.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will be from December 15 through December 18, and December 22 through December 23.



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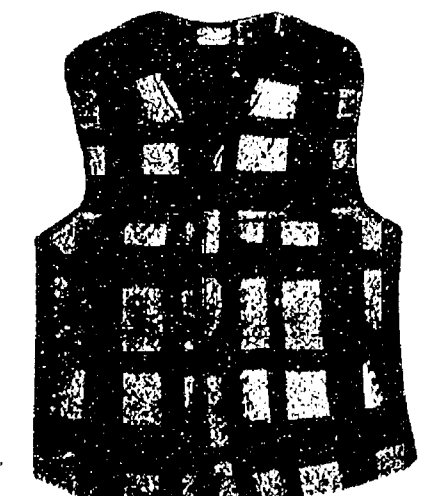
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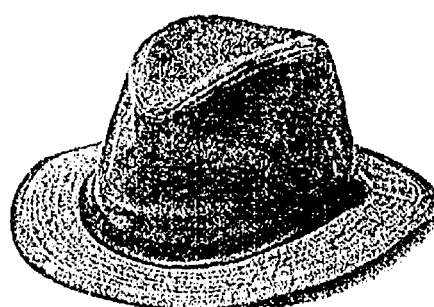
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Genuine Filson® Oil Finish Packer Hat
Our most popular hat! Made of Filson's famous tin fabric, the Packer gives you oil-finish protection from sun and rain. All leather hatband and sweatband.

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The Genuine Filson® Packer
Made from Filson's famous "tin" fabric, this is our toughest and warmest coat. Maximum protection against wind, rain or snow. Snap-out virgin wool liner. Back-expandable covered pleat. 100% Cotton Duck with Filson's Oil-Finish Wax Treatment.

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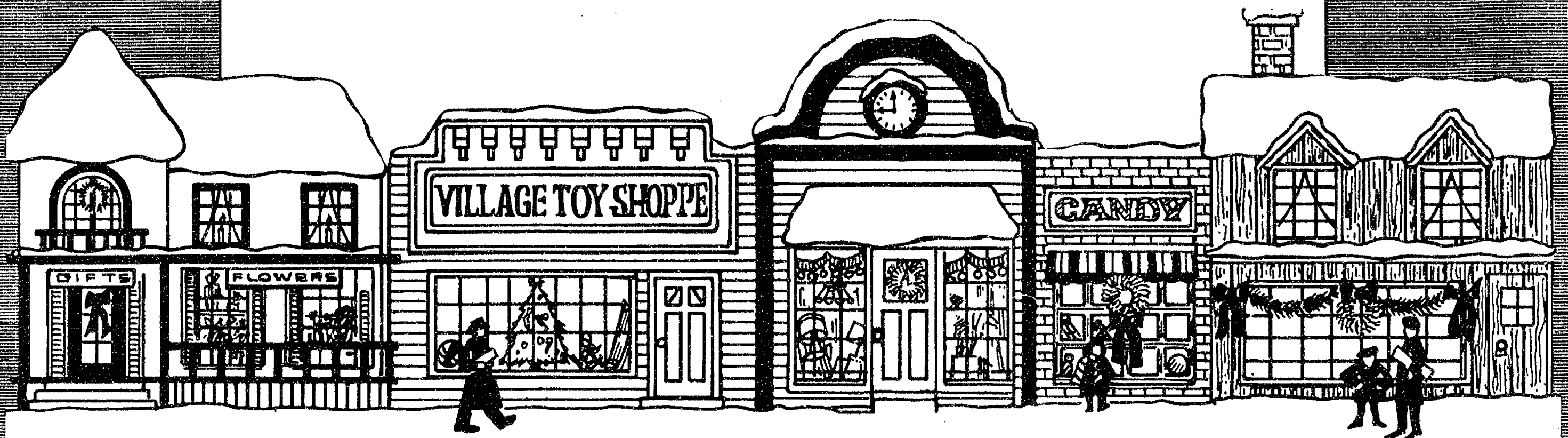
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*T*was the month of Christmas
and all through the store,
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like never before!

*T*he gift list was long,
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Just thinking about it
made me feel queasy!

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But don't fret and don't worry,
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*R*ight here locally,
all your gifts can be found.
You don't have to leave Grayling,
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All Types Of Furniture,
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Located In The JC Penney Building
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"Get the best equipment from the best source."
Located behind the Grayling Holiday Inn

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Serving And Supporting Our
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Moccasins • Jewelry • Wood Clocks • Unique Gifts
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"Best Subs In Town!"
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Area Credit Union

"Holiday Loan".....9.9% - 11 Months

Cornell Real Estate

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Corner of I-75 Business Loop & M-72 East

Glen's Market of Grayling

Save Share Supports Locally With
\$39,620.99 Shared Year To Date

McLean's Hardware

Serving The Area's Hardware
Needs For Over 19 Years

M & M Crafts

Hand-crafted Unique Gifts
Upton Grayling

DuBois Lumber

Helping To Build
A Strong Community

Weaver's Gifts & Boutique

Quality Gifts & Impressive Service
Uptown Grayling

Holiday Inn of Grayling

Over 21 Years Of Supporting
Our Community

If You Would Like To . . .

Encourage Citizens To Shop Locally In Support Of Our Community,
Put Your Signature Ad Here By Calling 348-6811

Home For The Holidays

Weaver's Gifts...an answer to your gift giving troubles...and more!

Good news from Weaver's Gifts! A Special Sale-20%-50% off everything!

Just in time for you to take advantage of super savings on:

- Moccasins
- Rugs
- Throws
- Sculpture
- Paintings

Collectibles,

- Dickens Village
- North Pole Village
- New England Village
- Snow Village (all buildings and accessories)
- Precious Moments
- Cherished Teddies
- Calico Kitties
- Snowbabies
- All Sandicast Dogs and Cats
- Greeting Cards by Leaning Tree and Blue Mt.



Judy invites you in to see the wide variety of beautiful and unique Gifts that Weaver's has to offer.

- Austrian Crystal Ornaments
- Beveled Sun-catchers
- Stained Glass Art
- Hangings and Lamps
- Music Boxes for the holiday or everyday.
- Black Hills Gold and Silver Jewelry

- Elán hand made unique one-of-a-kind silver and bronze jewelry.

Don't wait! Come in now! Open on Sundays-Uptown Grayling.

The Comfort Center offers full line of furniture for every room in the house.

The Comfort Center of Grayling opened its doors in April, 1975, and in 1980 moved to its present location on the big curve of M-72, west of the Grayling city limits. For 18 years the Comfort Center has filled the furniture needs of area residents. Today, its showroom features a full line of fine furniture for every room in your home.

Thirty-eight years of furniture experience has made owner Luke Petrosky an expert in helping you choose furniture that will maximize the elegance of your home. If you don't see that perfect piece in the 6,000 square foot showroom, Luke can find it for you.

Although a complete line of bedding by Serta Perfect Sleeper are offered, the Comfort Center is not just a bedding shop.

Fine lines of furniture from quality names like England, Peters-Revington, Schweiger, Robinson,



The Comfort Center of Grayling has been filling the furniture needs in the Grayling area for 18 years.

Marshfield, Bassett, Lane, and Benchcraft are also available.

The Comfort Center stocks entertainment centers, desks, hutches, living room hiway sofas, recliners, rockers, gun cabinets, bookcases, dining room sets, and both conventional and water beds.

Luke invites you to compare furniture prices out of town. He knows he will be competitive and the convenience of shopping locally, with

free delivery, will bring you back to the Comfort Center. Christmas is the perfect time to add beauty and comfort to your home with quality furniture from the Comfort Center. Luke and Pauline Petrosky, and the entire Comfort Center crew of Phil, Larry, Steve, Rick, and Jerry wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Flowers By Josie...a local favorite for flowers, plants, gifts and antiques.

Flowers by Josie has long been a Grayling favorite for beautiful flowers, plants, and wonderful and unusual gifts and antiques.

Under the ownership of Ernie Dawson, Flowers by Josie has grown and expanded to include "Grey Goose Gifts," a unique gift shop featuring the offerings of artisans and fine craftsmen.

Beautiful Christmas decorations can be found here year 'round, along with other charming gifts, while canaries trill and antique music boxes are coaxed into playing, and pot pourries and fresh flowers fill the air with their exquisite aromas. Flowers by Josie and Grey Goose Gifts is a shop that delights all of one's senses.

Today, Flowers by Josie is proud to announce that its head designer, Raya Johnston, has been named one of the top floral designers in the world. Trained in the Netherlands, Raya has



Flowers By Josie has grown under the ownership of Ernie Dawson to offer a wide variety of flowers, plants and gifts.

completed schooling in floral design which is shared by only 418 other designers in the entire world.

Now through Christmas, Flowers by Josie and Grey Goose Gifts is having a special promotion that has all Christmas items, except live plants, marked down from their normal prices.

There is no better time to visit Flowers by Josie and

Grey Goose Gifts than now. Prompt and courteous service, quality selection of gifts and flowers, and special holiday prices make Flowers by Josie and Grey Goose Gifts a must stop, and a very wonderful shopping experience.

Flowers by Josie, your professional florist, and Grey Goose Gifts are located at 212 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

A wide selection of jewelry and gifts adorns R. Wieber Jewelers showcases.

Dick and Carol Wieber of R. Wieber Jewelers has been serving Grayling since 1978. "Business brought us to the area 26 years ago and we liked it so well we stayed," Dick said.

R. Wieber Jewelers prides itself in its hometown atmosphere and the Wiebers know that their customers are also their friends and neighbors. Their service is designed to satisfy your needs, not just sell a product for profit.

A wide selection of jewelry and gifts adorns each showcase. Each item is especially selected to fit a balance of affordability for anyone's budget.

Names like Seiko watches and clocks, Mother and Child jewelry, 1928 costume jewelry, Black Hills Gold, and others provide you with Christmas gift ideas for everyone. You will find jewelry and 14k gold, gold filled, and



Priding itself on a hometown atmosphere with individual service at R. Wieber Jewelers.

sterling silver in a wide selection of rings, chains, lockets, pendants, pins, earrings, precious gems, pearls, and gifts of ivory, crystal, pewter, onyx, and wood.

Beautiful costume jewelry is always a Christmas favorite for everyone. Art works of scrimshaw ivory make unique gifts for that special person.

R. Wieber Jewelers is anxious to help you choose the gift that will make this Christmas linger in your memory for years to come.

R. Wieber Jewelers is conveniently located in downtown Grayling and is open Monday through Thursday until 5:30 p.m. and Friday evening until 8 p.m. Starting Monday, December 20, they will remain open every evening until Christmas.

J. Dap Co.

All your Christmas needs are met at J. Dap Co. Visit Kit Caboodle & Co. Gift Store and the JCPenney Catalog for one stop shopping 118 Michigan Avenue, Grayling

Mac's Drug Store

Party Supplies • Packaged Liquor • Beer • Wine
Lotto & Lottery • KIS Photo • Fragrances
Christmas Lights & Ornaments • Greeting Cards
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M & M Crafts

"Unique Handcrafted Gifts from the Heart"
Gift Certificates Available
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Dubois Lumber

Building a strong community
609 Norway, Grayling • 348-4831

The Fly Factory

Wildlife Art, Out-of-doors Books, Gifts & Clothing. Complete Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Supplies, Books And Instruction At Uptown Grayling's AuSable River Bridge

Golden Touch Hair Design

Gift Certificates make great Christmas Gifts Use Them For Any Salon Service Including Hair, Nails, Facials, Pedicures, Tanning and Retail Products Uptown Grayling • 348-5212

Dr. Suzanne J. Toupin

Chiropractic Physician
Lendy J. Zollars - Massage Therapist
Gift Certificates Available
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Weaver's Gifts & Boutique

Start with your favorite collectible, and add to it piece by piece, year after year. Choose from Snow Village, North Pole, New England Village or Dickens Village Uptown Grayling

Cross Country Ski Shop

Oakley Sunglasses • Way Cool "Bula" Headwear • Norwegian Wool Sweaters Best Ski Package Prices in the State! Located behind Holiday Inn, Grayling • 348-8558

Comfort Center

Great selection of all types of furniture including entertainment centers, recliners and waterbeds M-72 West, 1 mile from Grayling (517) 348-2961

Advanced Cellular Network

Free consultation to ensure the right decision! Provide peace of mind for just \$99



"For Gifts That Symbolize your love"
234 Michigan Avenue, Grayling • 348-9694

Reliable Supply & Equipment

Great Christmas ideas for the handy person: Chainsaws • Snowblowers • Vacuums Nail Guns, and more!

10% off all equipment & tools with this coupon Open Monday thru Saturday (517) 348-1118

Jan's Closet

"Jan's Closet has the perfect gift for that special lady in your life."
208 Michigan Avenue Grayling - (517) 348-6734

Cartwright & Danewell

"The Talk of the Town!" At Two Locations
108 Michigan Avenue & M-72 West, Grayling



212 Michigan Ave. • Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-4008

1. **San Francisco vs. Detroit**
(bonus point game worth 5 points)

Silk Screening
Glass Etching
Vinyl Letters
Embroidery

Engraving
Trophies
Banners
Awards
Flags

Sylvester's

Larry Raymond - (517) 348-9097
5610 M-72 West - Grayling

2. **Denver vs. Chicago**

Body & Paint Work
Auto - Marine - RV
Free Estimates • Rental Cars • 24 Hour Towing

SUNRISE Collision

348-6550
Located two miles north on I-75 Business Loop south of the county fairgrounds - Grayling

3. **Dallas vs. N.Y. Jets**

Wendy's
OLD FASHIONED HAMBURGERS

A Meal you can sink your teeth into!

2141 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling

4. **Atlanta vs. Washington**

Legion Lanes & Lounge

Join us and watch the games on our big screen TV

106 S. James Street
Grayling, MI 49738
348-7232

5. **Buffalo vs. Miami**

The Swamp II Bar & Restaurant

All You Can Eat \$5.95
Fish Every Night
Full Menu
Including Charbroiled Steaks
Pizza - Mexican Food

Located on Old 27 North in Frederic, 348-8816

6. **Houston vs. Pittsburgh**

7-Eleven
Open 24 Hours a Day
For your Convenience

Michigan Lottery & Lotto
Cold Pop & Beer
Snacks, Nachos, Hot Dogs, Ice

313 S. James Street - I-75 Business Loop
Grayling - 348-7737
Owner - Jacquie Glander

7. **L.A. Rams vs. Cincinnati**

Help support your favorite team through the
Glen's Save-Share Program

Glen's
MARKETS
FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

8. **Minnesota vs. Green Bay**

SCHEER MOTORS

U.S. 27 North, Grayling
517-348-5451



Dennis Kuhn won week #15 with 18 points. Tom Cox, Jerry Gildner, Matt Keir, Vicki Lewis, Jerry Respecki, Jim Van Dyke, Ken Wyman, Rick Anderson, and Jamie Anderson, also had 18 points, but Kuhn's tiebreaker guess of 37 was closer to the actual score of 35 for game #1 than the others.

Since there are so few college games being played now, we are doubling up on some professional teams. You can play it safe and pick one of each or be daring and go for the same team.

Top contenders in the overall football contest are: Pamela Hull, 195; Ken Best, 195; Larry Rouse, 194; Carol Sialoff, 193; June Rouse, 193; Steve Anderson, 192; Butch Brown, 192; Scotty MacLeod, 192; Dennis Kuhn, 191; Fred Krollowski, 191.

Last Week's Winners

1. Detroit (35)	10. Dallas
2. NY Jets	11. Denver
3. Atlanta	12. LA Raiders
4. Buffalo	13. Green Bay
5. Tampa Bay	14. Detroit
6. New England	15. New England
7. Houston	16. Dallas
8. NY Giants	17. Green Bay
9. LA Rams	18. Denver

Overall Prizes

- *\$25 gift certificate from Rutter's Building Center
- *\$25 gift certificate from Mac's Drug Store
- *\$10 gift certificate from Grayling Glen's Market
- *Free lube, oil, and filter from Scheer Motors
- *Party Host Gas Grill (value \$30) from Fuelgas
- *\$20 Wendy's gift certificate
- *\$25 cash from JLR Trailers & Welding
- *Free full service oil change (\$20.25 value) at Grayling Car Care
- *\$100 and a one-year free subscription from the Crawford County Avalanche

Here's how to be a weekly winner:

- Write your prediction for game one on entry form.
- Write the advertiser's name on entry form for game one. All the advertisers must be included.
- Fill out rest of entry form this way including your two tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
- Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
- The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

Here's how to win the overall prizes:

- Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
- You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
- The person with the most points at the end of the 17-week contest will win all the overall prizes.

Weekly Prizes

- *Two Super Gulps and two large nachos, a \$6 value, from 7-Eleven
- *Two free video rentals from Larry & Joan's Place
- *Mystery gift from Sylvester's
- *Sports cap from Scheer Motors
- *\$10 gift certificate from Grayling Glen's Market
- *Free 1/4 lb. single combo from Wendy's, \$2.99 value
- *\$10 off any service at Grayling Car Care
- *\$50 from the Crawford County Avalanche

(print) NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Signature _____

Week #16 for Games December 18 & 19

Game	WINNER	ADVERTISER
Game 1		
Game 2		
Game 3		
Game 4		
Game 5		
Game 6		
Game 7		
Game 8		
Game 9		
Game 10		
Game 11		
Game 12		
Game 13		
Game 14		
Game 15		
Game 16		
Game 17		
Game 18		

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) _____
Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 18) _____
Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 10) _____

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

- Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
- One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
- Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 460, Grayling, MI, 49738.
- Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
- Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

18. **Dallas vs. N.Y. Jets**

L & M CITGO

Convenience Store
The only station in town providing complete Repair & 24-Hour Towing

L & M CITGO
206 Cedar Street • Grayling • 517-348-4664
Say "I Love Citgo" and save 1¢ per gallon

17. **Denver vs. Chicago**

ACE
Lumber and Building Supply

RUTTER'S BUILDING CENTER

Millwork - Hardware - Lumber
(517) 348-2861 or (517) 348-2862

16. **Buffalo vs. Miami**

\$2.95 Off
Oil & Filter Change
Complete Lube Service
and 10 point vehicle check & fill
With this Coupon

PENNZOIL **GRAYLING**

No Appointment Necessary
All Makes & Models

Coupon worth double on Saturdays

1-75 Business Loop, Grayling
517-348-3242

One coupon per vehicle - Not valid with any other offer

15. **Houston vs. Pittsburgh**

FUEL GAS
PO Box 503
525 N. Grayling Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone (517) 348-6241

Propane • Tank Installations
Appliances • Heating Systems

14. **San Francisco vs. Detroit**

McLean's Hardware **ACE**

"For all your Hardware needs!"

Monday - Saturday 8 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday 9 am - 2 pm
348-2931

13. **Philadelphia vs. Indianapolis**

The "I Forgot Store"

- Party Supplies • Gas
- Video Rentals
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Larry & Joan's Place
10 Miles east on M-72 at Wakeley Bridge Road
Grayling, Michigan • 348-8268
Open Daily 8 am to 9 pm

12. **Tampa Bay vs. L.A. Raiders**

JLR Trailers & Welding Inc.

New Trailers • Fabricated Pickup Bumper
Trailers built to Order • Steel Fabrication
Trailer Parts & Repair • Draw Tite & Buyers
Products Hitches & Installation

Jim Teeple (517) 348-5270
South of the Airfield
394 W. North Down River Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738

11. **San Diego vs. Kansas City**

GRAYLING CAR CARE

348-3200 • 1130 M-72 East of I-19
Qualtr State ONE TOUGH MOTOR OIL

9. **New England vs. Cleveland**

Mac's Drug Store
122 Michigan Ave. 34

- Coldest Beer at the Coolest Prices
- Package Liquor
- Kegs in Stock
- Michigan Lottery & Lotto
- Snacks & Party Supplies
- Bread • Milk • Soup to Nuts

10. **Phoenix vs. Seattle**

Your One Stop For Insurance!

Home, Business, Auto, Life, Health... Whatever your insurance needs, we've got you covered!

Dave Jansen Sorenson Agency
348-6711



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Crawford County Avalanche

Viking men open with big win over Kalkaska, 76-46

By Terry Wright

The Grayling Viking men's varsity basketball squad opened its season last Tuesday with a very convincing 76-46 victory over the Kalkaska Blue Blazers.

It was all Vikings from the opening tip-off until the final buzzer as Kalkaska was no match for the Viking's height and quickness.

Head Coach Tom Mills said, "For the first game, we moved the ball well and applied a lot of good pressure which caused some Kalkaska turnovers."

Mills said he was especially pleased with the play of senior Tim Donahoe who came off the bench to lead the team with five assists.

Kris Andersen, the senior all-state candidate led the Viking scoring attack with 34 points, followed by junior Shane Hinkle with 13 and senior Chris Wolcott with nine. Andersen also led the team in rebounding with ten boards. Senior Jeff Mier added eight rebounds.

"We did a nice job of keeping them off the defensive boards, and our shooting was pretty good," Mills said. "We shot over 50% from the field and

65% from the free-throw line. My only disappointment was in three-point shooting. We hit only three of 13, that's not very good."

This Tuesday the Vikings hosted the Elk Rapids Elks. "Elk Rapids has a decent team," Mills said. "We'll have to be on top of our game. It won't be a gimme."

On Friday the Onaway Cardinals travel to Grayling for the final game before the Christmas break. Mills said, "Onaway could be one of those sleeper teams. They have the ability to beat any other team on any given night."

Forfeits cost matmen

By Dennis Mansfield

The Onaway Cardinals topped the Grayling Vikings Saturday in varsity wrestling action at Roscommon with the help of two forfeits.

Grayling placed second at the meet, defeating rival teams from Houghton Lake, Kalkaska and host Roscommon. But the Vikings could not overcome forfeiting matches in two weight classes, giving the Cardinals a 42-36 victory.

"We need to fill in 103 and 189 pound (weight classes)," said Varsity Coach Don Ferguson.

Grayling defeated Houghton Lake by a score of 60-9, Kalkaska by 51-18 and dominated the host Bucks, 57-15.

While missing out on the team title, Viking wrestlers did bring home four individual champions. Jason Hall, (135 pound class), Brian Robinson (145 pound class), Jerry Weaver (152 pound class), and Brian Kernstock (171 pound class) defeated their opponents to bring home the gold.

"Our kids did good," Ferguson said. "Our senior captains came through with great leadership."

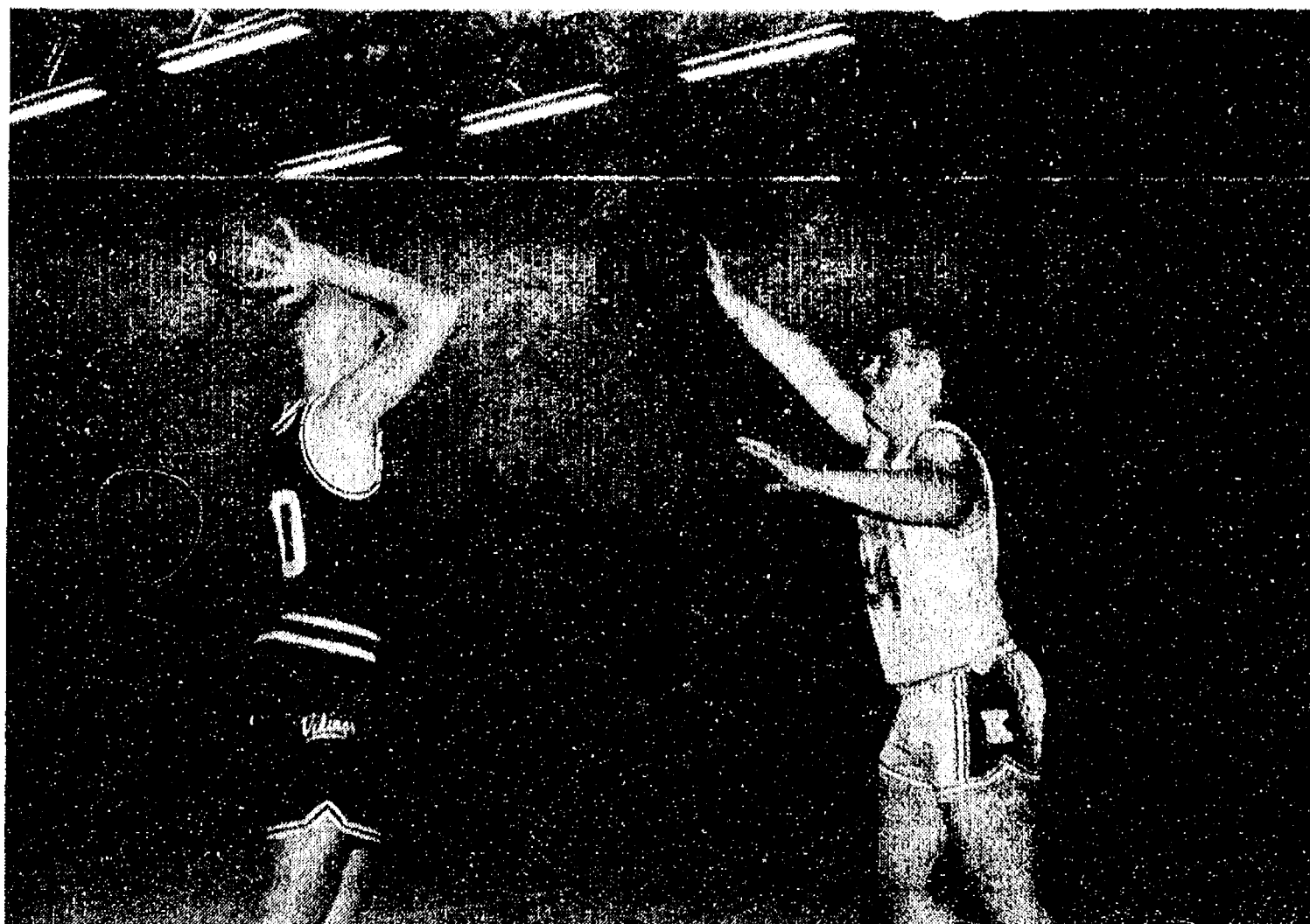
The match victories by the Vikings moved Ferguson eight away from the 200-career mark.

Ferguson and his squad will make an assault on the 200-victory plateau, with meets at Gaylord on Wednesday, and then traveling to the Mason County Invitation on Saturday.



Basketball game admission \$1 off with canned goods

Anyone who brings one canned good to the December 17 basketball game at Grayling High School will get \$1 off the regular admission price. The high school is involved in the food drive for the needy this year. The athletic department and student council will be collecting the cans.



LONGENDYKE LOOKS TO THE HOOP--Sophomore Viking Scott Longendyke sets up to make a move against a Kalkaska defender. The Vikings easily outdistanced the Kalkaska squad by a score of 76-46.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

AJD	28-24
First Impression Sportswear	27-25
Mickey Perez	27-25
Glen's Market	27-25
Peterson Saw	26-26
Cornell Real Estate	26-26
Mac's Drugs	25-27
Scheer Motors	22-30

High Game: C. Curtis, 209, S. Rioux, 190, 189, L. Dellar, 182. High Series: S. Rioux, 532, C. Curtis, 515, D. Armstrong, 475.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

R & R Auto Sales	37.5-18.5
Sutiles	34-22
Computer Services Co.	30.5-25.5
All Seasons Drywall	28-28
Mac's Drugs	28-28
Robideau Const. #2	25-31
Robideau Const. #1	25-31
Odd Balls	15-41

Men's High Game: R. Rakoczy, 214, W. Fedewa, 199, S. Miller, 197. Men's High Series: W. Fedewa, 549, S. Miller, 523, B. Cincials, 509, R. Rakoczy, 509.

Women's High Game: N. Cincials, 209, N. Glaslee, 204, J. Hinds, 190. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 524, N. Glaslee, 516, M. Miller, 512.

American 2nd Division

Glen's	30-12
Stitches by Sue	26-16
Upper Lakes	24-18
McLean's	23-19
Skip's	22-20
Northland Appliance	19-23
Auto Value	15-27
Swamp II	9-33

High Game: D. Mansfield, 224, L. Davis, Sr., 211, R. Pyle, 209. High Series: D. Mansfield, 592, D. Metzger, 585, R. Pyle, 572.

Senior Citizens Bowling League

Buccilli's Pizza	35-21
Sylvester's Sports	34-22
Cornell's Realty	31-25
Century 21	29-27
Weaver's Gifts	27-29
Totten's Body Shop	26-30
Flowers by Josie	24-22
Larry & Joan's Place	18-38

Men's High Game: H. Ingram, 200, G. Wolfe, 197, O. Brantley, 192. Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 526, O. Brantley, 505, P. Mead, 503.

Women's High Game: G. Westlake, 172, L. Dandy, 166, D. Burrick, 158. Women's High Series: D. Burrick, 452, G. Westlake, 436, L.

Dandy, 434.

National League Int

Budweiser	35-17
Spikes	31.5-20.5
Frederic Inn	28-24
Carlisle Paddle	26-26
Northland Appliance	23-29
G. P. Resin	22.5-29.5
Sutiles	22-30
Bear's Country Inn	20-32

High Game: T. Kotrash, 242, D. Henning, 236, M. Marks, 234. High Series: D. Henning, 664, M. Marks, 609, T. Kotrash, 599.

Pioneer League

Eagles Auxiliary	37-15
Millikins	29-23
CCTA	27-25
Chemical Bank	26-26
Aunt Betty's	25-27
Custom Interior	24-28
Avalanche	20-32
Mercy Hospital	20-32

High Game: J. Hinds, 210, J. Harland, 199, C. Jones, 188. High Series: J. Hinds, 575, M. Bartel, F. Shires, 476.

Triangle League

Helsel Forest	15-5
Barber Const.	14-6
Grayling Ford	12.5-7.5
Deb & Dale's	11.5-8.5
Sylvesters	10-10
Go-Flo Painting	9-11
CSI	7-13
Jackson Trio	1-19

High Game: B. Palmer, 208, R. Case, 200, L. Davis, 199. High Series: B. Palmer, 550, B. Stefaniak, 536, L. Davis, 535.

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Milltown Drywall	4-0
Schreibers	4-0
North End Grocery	4-0
Deb & Dale's	3-1
A.J.D.	1-3
Burger King	0-4
Aunt Betty's	0-4
Wakeley's	0-4

Men's High Game: B. Evon, 201, D. Wallace, 183, J. Campbell, 181. Men's High Series: B. Evon, 568, M. Campbell, 498, D. Wallace, 490.

Women's High Game: Y. Schreiber, 217, K. Lozon, 173, K. Moshier, 167. Women's High Series: Y. Schreiber, 542, K. Lozon, 484, K. Moshier, 454.

Sunday Fun League

Old Kent Bank	37.5
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Legion Lanes

Helsel's	30.5
Milltown Carpet	30
Howe Construction	28
MIOH Corp	22
Lovells Hardware	21
Spikes	21

Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 210, 202, L. Davis, 201, L. Baker, 200. Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 580, L. Davis, 578, L. Baker, 575.

Saturday Morning Young American League

Dusters	8
Lucky Strikers	8
Preditors	6
Terminators	4
High Rollers	3
Peace Makers	2
Little Women	1
Stingers	0

Winners of gift certificates: Albies, N. Osborne; Hardee's, C. Ramsey; Pizza Hut, D.J. Canfield; Burger King, D. Stocker; Big Boy, C. Armstrong; Subway, T. J. Helsel; McDonald's, T. Cojocar; Buccilli's, J. Rice; A&W, N. Sloan; Wendy's, M. Thomas; 7-Eleven, D. Ray, Little Caesar's, T. Osborne.

High Series: D. Harris, 394. High Game: J. Langowski, 155.

Northwood League

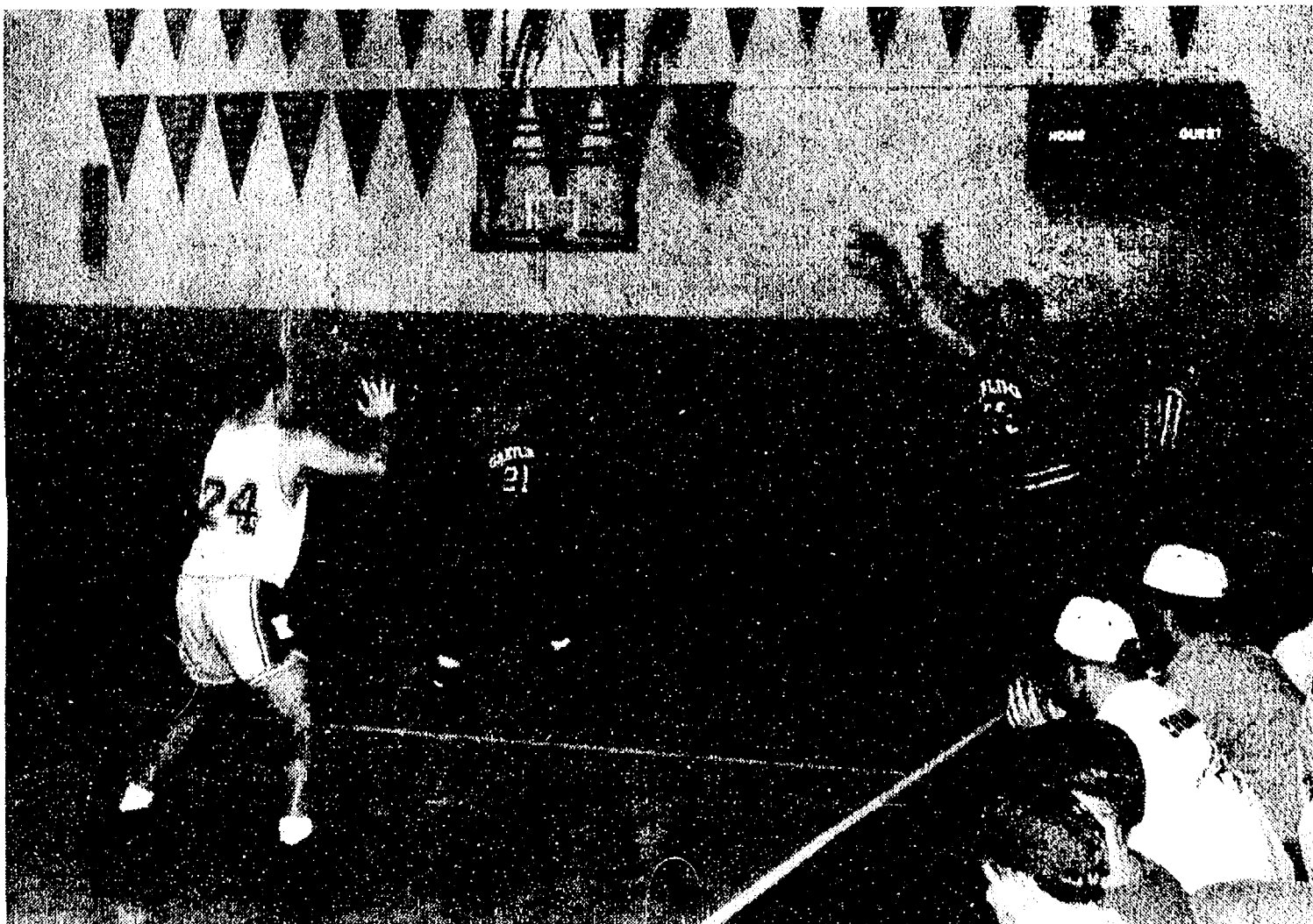
Graceful Grammas	35
Woodland Motel	31
Rich's Cycle Service	30
Subway	29
Econo Cuts	28
Ben Franklin	27
Doctor Dean's	25
Goodale's Bakery	19

High Game: T. Raybould, 225, 198, J. Helsel, 191, E. Helsel, 186. High Series: T. Raybould, 588, J. Helsel, 545, E. Helsel, 474.

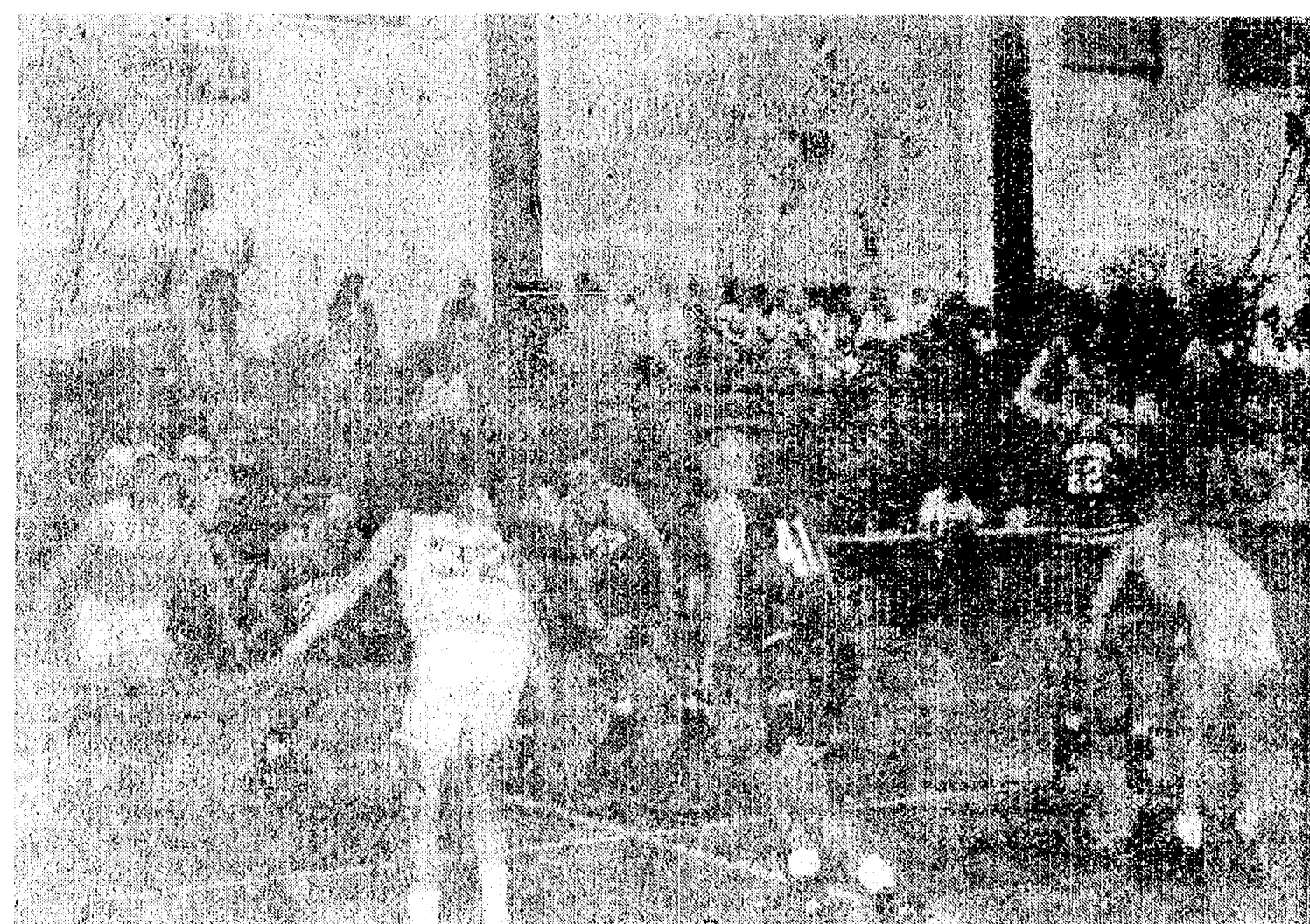
Thursday Morning Coffee League

Spike's	35.5
Lone Pine	31
Ole Dam	30
Glen's Market	30
AuSable Construction	27.5
Pittscrew	27.5
Candoit Services	21.5
Legion Lanes	21

High Game: S. Romain, 209, M. Welch, 189, K. Moshier, 177. High Series: S. Romain, 526, K. Moshier, 508, M. Welch, 478.



ANDERSEN PASSES IN BOUNDS--Senior Kris Andersen passes in bounds over the head of a Kalkaska defender. Number 21 is Viking junior Shane Hinkle.



ANDERSEN SCORES FROM THE CHARITY LINE--Kris Andersen sets up for a free-throw enroute to his 34 point opening night performance.

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Pool League

Swamp II	89-37
Weyerhaeuser	76-50
Frederic Inn	71-55
Spikes	56-70
Red Barn	48-60
Pizza	n/a
Copper Kettle	n/a

Women's Pool League

Plaza	72
Legion	58
Red Barn	56
Spikes	53
Swamp II	49

By Terry Wright

The Grayling junior varsity basketball season got off on the wrong foot last week as the Vikings dropped their opening game to the Kalkaska Blue Blazers by a score of 55-49.

Despite a second half comeback when they outscored their opponent by ten points, the Vikings could not close the gap before the final buzzer.

The first period was all Kalkaska as

the Vikings slumped at the basket scoring only four points to the Blazers 12. JV Coach, Butch Hayes said, "We came out very tight scoring only four points in the first nine minutes."

In the second quarter the Vikings found the basket but still trailed at the half 34-18.

The Vikings began their comeback in the third, narrowing the gap to ten points. "We had a very good second

half," Hayes said. The team made a good comeback."

Hayes said he was very satisfied with his team's rebounding effort but said the team needs to improve defensively.

Leading the Viking scoring attack were Jason Thompson with 13 points. Joe Godlewski added 12 points and Scott Hartman. Andy Perrin scored six, Chris Kucharek four, Jake

Beckwith four, and Cory Northrop had two.

In rebounding Kucharek and Northrop pulled down seven apiece. Thompson grabbed six and Hartman five.

The second game for the junior Vikings was Tuesday at home against the Elks of Elk Rapids. This Friday, the Vikings will host the Onaway Cardinals.

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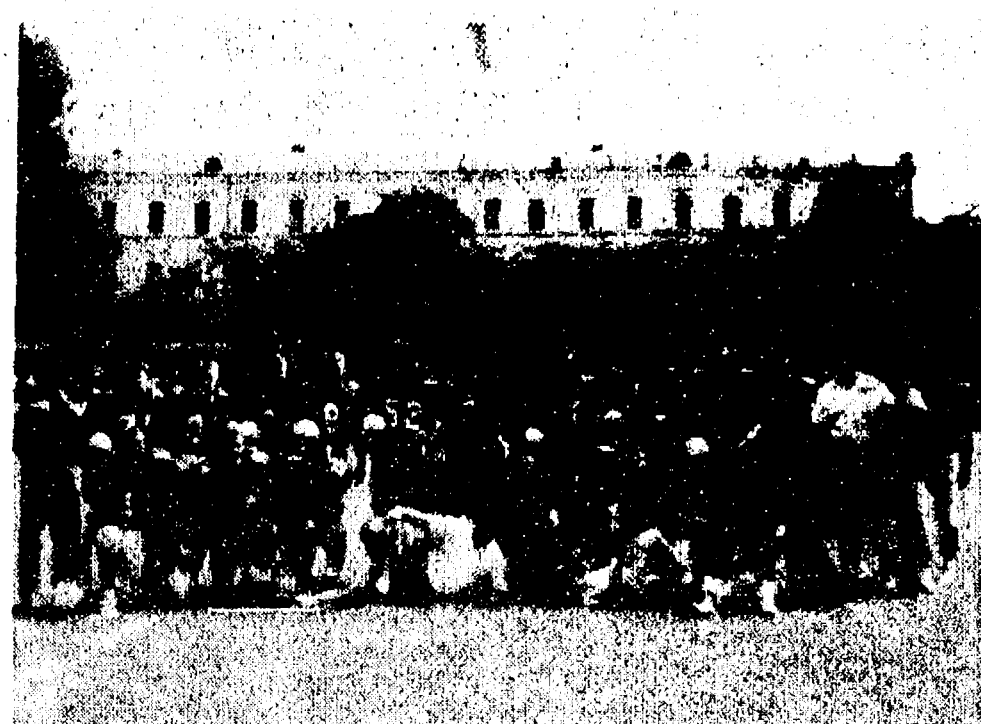
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CHRISTIAN OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM—Mark Shepler, #18 on right, was one of 14 different athletic teams to participate in the Christian outreach in the Ukraine.

G. R. A. STANDINGS

Boys Basketball League		Fuel Gas Heat	2-0
3rd & 4th Grade Division		Nester's Chevrolet Bucks	2-0
ReMax Wolverines	2-0	McDonald's Spurs	1-1
Dan Wicher's Plumbing Bulls	2-0	Cornell Real Estate Jazz	1-1
DuBois Lumber Clippers	1-1	Wendy's Pistons	0-2
Gary Fox Construction Celtics	1-1	Glen's Market Spartans	0-2
McEvers Hawks	1-1	Subway Bullets	0-2
Fick & Sons Supersonics	1-1		
Camp Grayling Hornets	0-2	Women's Volleyball	
Grayling State Bank		Grayling Car Care	8-0-0
Timberwolves	0-2	Bloomquist Spikers	4-4-0
5th & 6th Grade Division		The Up Town Team	4-4-0
Spray Shot Suns	2-0	GSB — The Hustle Team	0-8-0

Shepler participates in Christian outreach mission

By Fay Bovee

Mark Shepler, son of Jim and Beth Shepler, who is a senior at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was one of over 200 people who participated in a month-long July '93 mission to four cities in the Ukraine. This is with Christian Outreach International, based in Minnesota. The message of Jesus Christ was delivered through drama, music, street witnessing, literature, and sporting events. Fourteen different athletic teams participated in the outreach. Mark was a member of the football team.

C.O.I. has been taking athletic and performing arts teams into the former Soviet Union and other countries for the past ten years. Athletic events include baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, track, volleyball, football, soccer, softball, track, volleyball, football, hockey and wrestling. Through the universal medium of sporting events, outreach participants find a platform to share their Christian faith. Drama, dance, music and street witnessing are also used in the group's multifaceted

approach for reaching nations with the Gospel of Christ. The interdenominational ministry draws participants from all over the United States and Canada.

In Donetsk, Ukraine, the COI sporting events were dubbed "The Christian Outreach Festival" by the city fathers and were accompanied by an Olympic-style march to begin the proceedings, with many local officials in attendance, including the mayor of this large city.

An important part of COI crusades involves humanitarian efforts. On their trip to the Ukraine, through their "Feed the Kids Children's Foundation," the ministry delivered \$100,000 worth of medical supplies, distributed directly to hospitals in the Ukraine. Since the breakdown of the Soviet system, it has become impossible to obtain even the most basic and necessary drugs. COI was able to take such items as penicillin, aspirin, skin creams, medical equipment and many other items. Besides the medical supplies, COI was also able to provide clothing to orphanages and sports equipment for young athletes.

Lampert elected to GSB Board of Directors

Richard T. Albee, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Grayling State Bank (GSB) recently announced that Scott D. Lampert of Gaylord, has been elected to the bank's board of directors.

Lampert is president and owner of Devonian Companies, Inc., an oil and gas developer and producer in Gaylord.

An active member of the Gaylord community, Lampert is a member of the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Oil and Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, and the U.S.A.F. Civil Air Patrol.

In announcing his appointment Mr. Albee stated, "Mr. Lampert has an outstanding record of community service and is widely respected for his contributions to the enhancement of the quality of life in the Gaylord community. We are extremely pleased that he accepted the nomination to our board of directors."

His educational background includes a bachelor's of science degree from the University of Missouri-Rolla, with a major in Petroleum Engineering. Lampert, his wife and three children reside in Gaylord.

Kirtland registration set for January 12 and 13

Registration for the winter semester at Kirtland Community College will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, January 12 and 13, 1994, from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Student Services Office on campus.

Students must show two proofs of residency when registering. These include: driver's license, voter's registration card, tax receipt, rent receipt (with address on it) or Secretary of State I.D. card. ASSET Placement

testing, if necessary, may be completed during registration.

Tuition will assessed at \$42 per credit hour for in-district students and \$56.50 per credit hour for out-of-district students. Additional lab fees may be assessed in some classes. Tuition is due at the time of registration.

For future information, call Kirtland's Admissions Office at 517-275-5121.

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By Joe Murphy

The Wonder Of Christmas

Christmas is such a wonderful time
Folks so full of joy and good cheer
I guess if you come right down to it
It's just about everyone's favorite time of year

So many homes so beautifully decorated
With all those lights of a Christmas theme
That a drive around our city at night
Is like living in a Christmas dream

Folks wishing each other a Merry Christmas
Most faces wearing a happy smile
Folks asking have you got your Christmas shopping
done yet?
Taking time to stop and chat awhile

Children trying very hard to be extra good
In anticipation of Santa's visit on Christmas night
Hoping to find their Christmas letter answered
Are extra helpful and polite

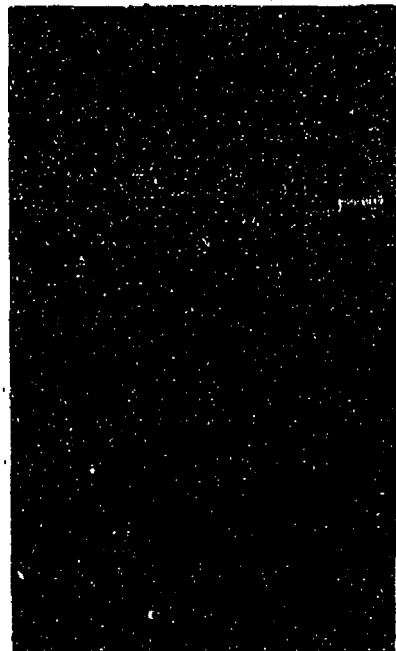
Those beautiful Christmas carols
That we learned so many years ago
Seem to come so easy to our lips
To set many an old heart aglow

To get down the family Bible
And read the Christmas story in Luke Chapter Two
Though we have read it many times before
Each year it seems like new

I wish everyone a very merry Christmas
And may the coming year bring you joy
From a heart full of the Christmas spirit
That still beats in the chest of an old country boy

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Sharlene Johnson

23 years ago December 17, 1970

Miss Sharlene Johnson, new fourth grade teacher at the Grayling Elementary School is a recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Prior to attending Eastern, Miss Johnson received a bachelor of religious education degree from Grand Rapids Bible College.

She is a native of Bay City, where she attended Central High School.

Detroit Tiger catcher Bill Freehan will be the guest speaker at the high school gymnasium on Monday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Freehan will give a talk on baseball, followed by a question and answer period. He will also give out a booklet to those present, "Baseball Tips," written by him. The Tiger catcher will also give out autographed photos.

Born on December 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moggo of Grayling, a daughter, named Jennifer Lynn.

Miss Lillian Hill, secretary to Fred Bear for the past thirteen years, was honored at a retirement party held last week at the Polyhedron Lodge. Attending the banquet were Bear staff members, Owen Jeffrey, Bob Kelly, Al Beatty, Bob Gallandt, and Al Barkley

On Thursday, Dec. 17, the Grayling Chorale will travel to Manton where they will present an assembly program for the students of the Manton Schools in the afternoon. In the evening they will present the Christmas Cantata "When Love Was Born" for the people of that community.

Tony Hoffman, son of the Alfred Hoffmans accompanied Gary Shepherd to El Paso, Texas, on Sunday for an indefinite stay. Gary was returning to his base there.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Miles spent Wednesday to Monday in Detroit and Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wyman, Dawn, Ronald and baby Allison of Saginaw visited their parents, The Kenneth Wymans, in Beaver Creek and the Jim

Wakeleys down river, over the weekend.

Arthur Wakeley is doing substitute teaching in both the elementary and Grayling High School this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kent wish to announce the arrival of a baby daughter born September 28. She has been named Elizabeth May.

Becky Kangas was to arrive home Wednesday of this week from Interlochen Arts Academy to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kangas.

Marie McIsaac, Miss Grayling, joined Santa on his stop here, and helped pass out goodies to the children who met him here recently. From Grayling, Santamade a stop in Frederic and met the children there.

Mrs. Allen Carr is in Mercy Hospital, having fallen and broken her leg.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Smith of Ypsilanti, formerly of Grayling, on December 7. She weighed in at six pounds, 13 ounces, and has been named Dusty Marie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. James Small, all of Grayling.

46 years ago December 18, 1947

Eggs for next season's trout production are now arriving in Conservation Department fish hatcheries, and the goal again next year, as in recent seasons, is the planting of one million legal (seven-inch) or larger fish.

The recently remodeled and redecorated bar at Duke's Hotel will reopen for business today after having been closed since Dec. 5.

The Grayling Winter Sports Park, 600 acres of snow and ice for skiing, tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating and just rolling in that "white stuff" will have its grand opening under the direction of Grayling people for the first time since the season of 1941-42 on December 27, a week from Saturday. The park will be open and in operation this coming weekend, weather permitting, for a preliminary run to see if everything is going along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradley were pleasantly surprised when friends came in to help them celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary were their daughters, Lois, and Mrs. Yvonne Westholm.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hummel went to Traverse City Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jensen of Roscommon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders were co-hosts and hostesses at an open house Saturday evening from 6 until 9 at the Ernest Borchers home, held to celebrate the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borch-

ers. Seventy-five guests were present.

Eighteen little friends went over on December 13, to help Carol Lodge celebrate her tenth birthday from 2 to 5. Games were the order of the afternoon. Her mother, Mrs. George Lodge, and her grandmother, Mrs. C. S. Barber served sandwiches, fruit Jello and cake to the little folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Bancroft (Doris Levertron) announce the birth of a son at Mercy Hospital, Dec. 10. He weighed eight pounds and three quarter ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovely spent a few days in Bay City last week, where they attended the funeral of the latter's uncle, August Turnell.

The Misses Margrethe and Olga Nielson entertained with a potluck dinner and pinochle party last Thursday evening to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Marion Burch. Mrs. Wm. Nawatny and Mrs. Margie Dorah held high score at pinochle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hedrick spent Monday and Tuesday in Flint. Mrs. J. E. Strong accompanied them down to spend several days as guest of Mrs. C. J. Elston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Balow and William Balow of Detroit, were weekend guests of the Wm. LaRush family. Mr. LaRush accompanied them to Detroit to spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conklin Sr., have sold their home on Park Street to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wimble. Mr. Conklin is employed at the Gladwin Record, Gladwin.

Barbara Clough and Clara Lazarowicz were hostesses to a surprise birthday party on Marilyn Gildner at her home Monday evening. Ten of Marilyn's school friends were present. Games were played, then later in the evening a lunch was served.

Mrs. Roy Trudgeon was a hostess to the Saturday Bridge Club at their last meeting. Yule logs bearing red tapers centered the table at which dessert was served. Mrs. Roy Sindlinger, Mrs. Ella Wilcox and Mrs. Geo. Hanner were guests for the afternoon and high school was held by Mrs. Frank Bond and Mrs. Roy Trudgeon.

Mrs. John Luderman entertained nineteen youngsters on Saturday at Camp Shoppenagon down river, in celebration of the birthdays of Peggy LaGrow, Donnie Leslie and her son Frank. The children went sliding and skiing and played games. They also enjoyed the birthday cake and ice cream.

Mrs. Wilbur Winslow and Mrs. Stanley Lazarowicz were hostesses at a stork shower Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Francis Wilcox. Games were played then a lunch service. Mrs. Wilcox received many lovely gifts.

Mrs. William LaRush entertained twenty ladies at a stork shower to honor Mrs. Alfred Borchers, on Friday. Lunch was served and the table which had a lamb cake at either end was centered with a stork.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph and daughters, Joan and Phyllis, and Clara Lazarowicz spent Saturday in Traverse City.

69 years ago December 18, 1924

Register of Deeds Andrew Hart is rewriting all the county abstracts in two new volumes. Some of the records date back to 1859, and are becoming indistinct and illegible.

The 18 pupils of Mrs. Andrew Brown's Sunday School class enjoyed a party at Danebod Hall Saturday afternoon.

Fire wiped out the farm home of Theodore Leslie in Beaver Creek Township Monday evening.

The Pythians elected B. E. Smith, C.C.; Roy Milnes, V.C.; Clarence Brown, prelate; Loraine Sparkes, K. of R. and S.; Lyle Milkes, M. of W.; P. G. Zalsman, M. of A.; Carl Dorah, I.G.; Byron Newell, O.G.

At a regular meeting of the Grayling council, Knights of Columbus, Alfred Hughes, who has been in charge of the secretarial work for the past two years, was presented with a beautiful gold ring bearing the K. of C. emblem, from the council for his faithfulness.

The American Legion basketball team made up of Reynolds, Chamberlain, Johnson, Milnes and Hanson defeated the Bay City "Y" 16 to 10. Substitutes were Brown, McPhee, Landsberg and Smith.

Mrs. Frank Karnes and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward King, in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben DeLaMaster and daughter, Muriel, are spending the week in Detroit.

Mrs. Mary Ewalt will leave Saturday for Lapeer to remain over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cripps are happy over the arrival of a Christmas gift, an eight pound daughter, born Monday, Dec. 15. Lois Mae is her name.

Mrs. Mary Goudrow and Mrs. Josephine Conklin and sons, John and Bernard left Wednesday to spend the holidays as guests of the Jacob Colens family at Linden.

Dr. Don M. Howell announces that he has opened offices in the David Whitney buildings in Detroit. Dr. Howell, a former physician of Grayling, recently returned from Europe where he had been to pursue studies of his profession.

FEATURE

Thursday, December 16, 1993



HUSKY NEEDS HOME—This male husky is about one year old and very friendly. There are several other huskies available at the animal shelter. Stop by the shelter or call 348-4117 for more information.

PET CARE TIPS

Holiday paraphernalia can hurt pets. During the holiday season, your dog or cat may swallow decorative items, such as ribbons or tinsel, which can cause intestinal blockage requiring surgery. Sharp pine needles are not only toxic, but have been known to cause internal damage. Cover or tack down electrical cords. Keep tinsel and glass ornaments out of reach. Read warnings on items such as spray-on snow. Never put a ribbon around a pet's neck or allow it to play with plastic or foil wrappings or six-pack beverage holders.

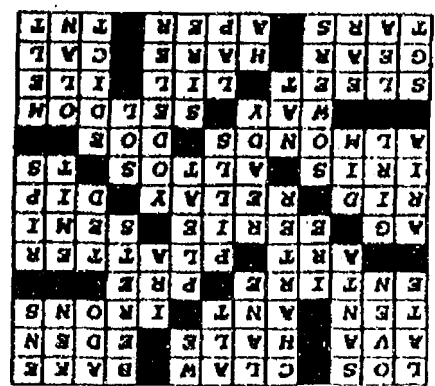
WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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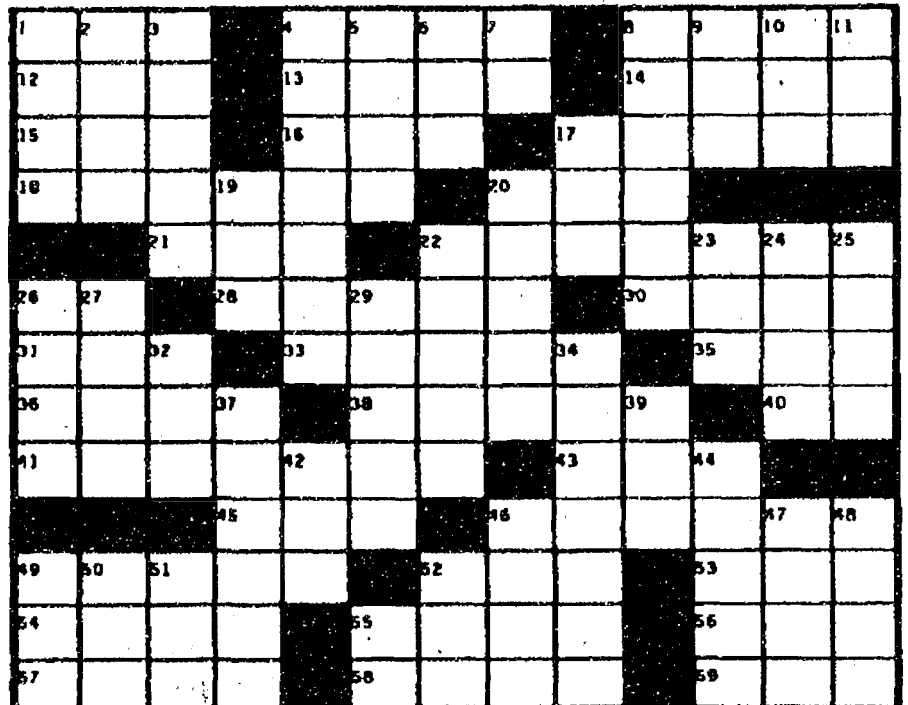
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12. Gardener
13. Hearty
14. Paradise
15. Decade number
16. Busy insect
17. Presses
18. Whole
20. Before in time
21. School subject
22. Flat dish
26. Chemical symbol for silver
28. Scary
30. Big truck
31. Set free
33. Kind of race
35. Immerse
36. Spring flower
38. Singing voices
40. Eliot, poet
41. Tasty nuts
43. Female deer
45. Milky
46. Rarely
49. Weather word
52. Diamond
53. Island, French
54. Car part
55. Rabbit
56. Silent
57. Sails

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



58. Mimicer
59. Explosive letters
1. Tardy
2. Baking chamber
3. Christmas character
4. Written permit
5. Narrow road
6. Height, abbr.
7. the people
8. French caps
9. Much About Nothing
10. Barbie and
11. Naval officer, abbr.
17. One of the Gershwins
19. Anger
20. Skirt fold
22. Medication
23. Williams or Kennedy
24. Send forth
25. Shreds
26. Opera solo
27. Lass
29. Prompt
32. Somewhat dark
34. Swiss singer
37. Some who plant
39. The sun
42. King Cole
44. Government decree
46. Father
47. The Good Earth heroine
48. Dissolve
49. Military abbr.
50. Grassy meadow
51. Lend me your
52. Baby's place
55. Laughing sound



YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: December 19 - 25

ARIES

March 21-April 19

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

CANCER

June 21-July 22

LEO

July 23-Aug 22

VIRGO

Aug 23-Sept 22

LIBRA

Sept 23-Oct 22

SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

PISCES

Feb 19-March 20

The answer to a difficult dilemma presents itself. Show sensitivity toward those who may be affected by it.

Share your feelings with those around you. Your family may think that you are taking them for granted.

Don't lose heart. Your hard work is about to pay off. Pay close attention to the advice of a good friend.

Persistence is the key. Don't give up now or you will regret it later on. Concentrate on matters at home.

Rumors need not be repeated. Don't believe everything you hear and only half of what you see.

Time for a good, heart-to-heart conversation with someone special. Your nerves could use some soothing.

Your finances have taken a turn for the worse due to excessive spending. Enjoy the holidays, but don't over-indulge.

Calling in a loan now is not wise. Everyone is scurrying for funds at this time. Cut back before you get in deeper.

All good things must come to an end. Saying good-bye now will be painful, but you will have a head start on the recovery.

Be attentive to duty. There are those less fortunate that will benefit from your expertise. Lend a helping hand.

Try to be more positive and optimistic. If you're not good to yourself, who will be?

Those in high places may not be as flexible as you would like. Show them that YOU are by trying out new ideas.

Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

Still no ice. . .

Black powder deer season is now in full swing with very poor hunting weather so far and a light kill. All the fishermen are waiting for the ice to come so we can get out for some early ice fishing. First ice is always the best fishing.



This Weeks Hunting Tip

Try Higgins Lake for some late season trout fishing from shore with minnows or spawn in about four feet of water.

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OBITUARIES

Elvene A. Kaiser

Elvene A. Kaiser, 90, of Frederic, died Sunday, December 12, 1993 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 15, 1993, at 1 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with the Reverend John Shipman officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic.

Mrs. Kaiser was born November 18, 1903 in Chisholm, Minnesota, to Andrew Gustaf and Amanda Louise (Skog) Anderson. She resided in Frederic for 52 years, moving there from Pontiac. She and her husband, Albert, formerly owned and operated the AuSable Hotel and AuSable Restaurant in Frederic, and she was employed at the AuSable Souvenir Works for many years.

Mrs. Kaiser was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; sons, Eugene, Robert, and Jack; grandson, Michael Wellman, and by her parents.

Survivors include: daughter, Virginia and husband, Arthur Wellman of Kalkaska; 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorial to the Frederic Community Library or the Frederic Ambulance Corps.

Robert Franklin

Robert C. Franklin, 74, of Summit Township, formerly of Grayling, died Thursday, December 9, 1993. A memorial service was held Tuesday, December 14, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Jackson.

Mr. Franklin was a Navy pilot in World War II. After the war he joined the Macklin Company, ultimately serving as president until 1971, when he became general manager of ITT Abrasives in Tiffin, Ohio. He also served as president of the Young President Organization, The Grinding Wheel Institute and was active in many Jackson charities including the March of Dimes, United Negro College Fund, Community Chest and Trout Unlimited. Most recently he was active in the Dahlem Environmental Education Center.

Mr. Franklin was preceded in death by his son, Robert C. Jr. Survivors include: wife, Barbara; daughter, Kipp; grandson, Samuel C.; and sister, Ruth.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Francis Episcopal Church or Hospice.

John S. Foley

John S. Foley, 67, of Roscommon, South Branch Township, died, Monday, December 13, 1993, after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 16, 1993, at 1 p.m., at Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home, Roscommon, with Reverend B. G. Drake officiating.

Mr. Foley was born October 15, 1926, in Saginaw to Daniel A. Foley and Louise G. Albosta. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Joanne L. Griffith May 31, 1952 in Saginaw. He was a lieutenant for the Saginaw Police Dept for 27 1/2 years retiring from there in 1979. He was a member of Trout Unlimited, MUCC, Higgins-Houghton VFW Post 4159, Roscommon Area Historical Society, Crawford County Resource & Development Commission, AuSable River Restoration Committee, Fraternal Order of Police and a proud member for 24 years of A.A. He had been a resident of South Branch Township since 1979.

Mr. Foley was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Joyce Foley. Survivors include: his wife; brother, Richard Foley of Saginaw; children,

Joyce Ann (Don) Mead of Harbor Beach, Christine Brennan, and friend Janice Timm, of Merrill, Daniel (Michele) Foley of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Alisa Bauer, Candice Mead, Jessica and Patrick Brennan, and Brandon and Amanda Foley.

The family suggest memorials to Hospitality House in Petoskey.

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A Public Hearing will be held by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, December 29, 1993, at 11 am for the purpose of accepting oral and written comments regarding the adoption of a General Fund Budget, Special Revenue Fund Budgets and Debt Service Fund Budgets. A summary of the 1994 proposed Crawford County budgets listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Crawford County Clerk. The public hearing will be conducted in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan in conjunction with the regular meeting.

Elizabeth H. Wieland
County Clerk
-18-23

NOTICE**CRAWFORD COUNTY REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT****1994 MEETING SCHEDULE**

January 13, 1994	July 14, 1994
February 10, 1994	August 11, 1994
March 10, 1994	September 8, 1994
April 14, 1994	October 13, 1994
May 12, 1994	November 10, 1994
June 9, 1994	December 8, 1994

The meetings are held at the Grayling State Bank, Grayling, Michigan, in their conference room located in the basement and begin at 9 am. If any changes are made, the change will be published in ample time. Citizens wishing to address the Housing Commission board may contact the Housing Commission office at the County Building, 348-2841, ext. 253, to be placed on the agenda.

-18-23-30

LEGAL ACTION**SYNOPSIS****Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting December 1, 1993**

Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order on 12-1-93 at 9:40 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, MI. Commissioners present: Long, Goodale, Coy, Smock, and Mattis. McLachlan, absent. County Clerk Elizabeth Wieland, present. There were 11 visitors present at various times.

IN FORMAL ACTION,
COMMISSIONERS:
—Executed the Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract application for 1994 with the MI Dept. of Social Services, Office of Child Care in the amount of \$43,125.

—Executed the 1994 MI DNR Recreation Division, Marine Safety Program summary in the amount of \$34,723 as presented.

—Amended the 1993 General Fund Budget to show an increase in revenues of \$122,000 and an increase in expenditures of \$120,630.

—Scheduled a Budget Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Meeting on 12-29-93.

—Adjourned meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Full text of official minutes are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Elizabeth H. Wieland-County Clerk

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Also, we will be closed on Friday, December 31, 1993, in celebration of the New Year. We will open for business as usual on Monday, January 3, 1994.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Elizabeth H. Wieland
County Clerk -18

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The Department of Natural Resources, Roscommon Field Office, P.O. Box 218, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, will be accepting bids for:

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Thou Shalt Not Covet

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." (Exo. 20:17). To covet means to lust after with fleshly desire. This tenth commandment reveals that evil lust within the heart which precedes our outward sins. "... I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." (Rom. 7:7b). Covetousness, promotes lust, sin, and death.

Christ warned against covetousness "... Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." (Luke 12:15). The attempt to serve God and money at the same time was one hypocrisy of the Pharisees. (Luke 16:13-15). "And they come unto thee

as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." (Eze. 33:31). "But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for they covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it." (Jer. 22:17). Christians today are tempted with the same hypocrisy. To covet things more than God is idolatry. (Col. 3:5).

Godliness produces contentment, not covetousness. "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through

with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:6-10). "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Heb. 13:5).

Our world economic system belittles Godly contentment and encourages covetousness. "For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth." (Psalm 10:3). But remember, God is our judge, and the covetous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor. 6:10). May God convict us of the sin of covetousness this Christmas season. And may our prayer be, "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness." (Psalm 119:36).

Pastor "B"

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Question: My child transferred school districts this year. When enrolled, the school asked for immunization records and said additional shots were needed. What is the purpose of this?

Answer: Schools are required by law to report to the state the immunization dates of all new school entrants, which includes students entering kindergarten and those transferring from another school district. Parents should bring their child's immunization records when

enrolling their children in school.

The State requires schools to send the first immunization report on November 1; the second report is due February 1. Students who have not received all of the required immunizations may be excluded from school. Eventually, some of the school's funding will be based on the level of immunizations the school can prove.

Every year, school personnel spend countless hours and dollars trying to track down the immunization dates of students entering their school. Additional time is spent in motivating parents to get the immunizations their children are lacking. Most of this could be eliminated if parents kept health records in a safe place and brought them to school when enrolling their children.

Immunization records should be kept for a lifetime. Other instances in

which they may be needed are: in the case of an injury to determine whether or not a tetanus shot is needed; enrollment in college or graduate school; to determine rubella immunity before pregnancy. Adults should also get and keep records of their immunizations. Surveys show a large percentage of adults have inadequate protection against tetanus and diphtheria.

However, school reports and funding are not the most important reasons for shots and records. All children and adults should be protected against these diseases which may cause disability or may be life threatening.

Immunizations are available at your family doctor or at the health department in the area. Remember, get your immunizations and retain your records.

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In many cities nationwide, there exists havens for the hungry, shelters where individuals volunteer their services preparing nourishing meals for those who, for various reasons, are unable to nourish themselves.

The hungry are a potpourri of the less than elite, many of whom are representative of those who were recently more than self-sufficient. Yet, it has been said that life is not always fair...but God is. Ultimately, are we not all kindred souls, in search of the meaning and manna to strengthen us as we travel unpredictable paths?

Then how wonderful there is another haven...a shelter for hungry spirits where all are welcomed and encouraged. God has promised us in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Visit our Father's sanctuary this Sabbath and experience the sustenance only He can provide.

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Zephaniah 3:14-20	1 John 2:1-6	1 John 2:7-17	1 John 2:18-29	1 John 3:1-10	1 John 3:11-21	Isaiah 43:14-21

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First Baptist Church Of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christ Missionary
Minister H.A. Hennig
4 Mi. East of Frederic
County Rd. 612
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship & Praise 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer, Bible Study 6 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Grayling
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial
United Methodist Church
Pastor Doug Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:30-11 a.m.
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable
in 1st building on the right off new entrance road.
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues. 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
Old 27 North, 701 Grayling Rd.
Church - 348-8885
Personage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Jim Van Lier 348-7699
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical
Lutheran (ELCA)
Rev. John Shipman
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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (Tue.) 7 p.m.
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church
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Of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.
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and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Fr. Michael Conner - 348-7291
702 Peninsula - 348-7657
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Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
Weekday Mass
Tuesday 8 a.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Confession Saturday 4 p.m.

Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon • 275-5309
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
348-8573
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Communion & Preaching 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ
with the Bible Message
Pastor John E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Don Brigham
211 Shellenberger St.
Grayling, Mich.
Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor, David Moorman
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
(517) 348-2557
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

AuSable Valley Church Of God
6330 Johnson - Frederic
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

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Saturday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9 a.m.

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Rectory-348-2682
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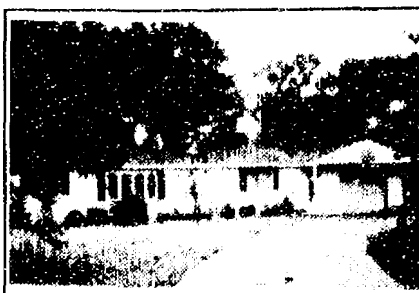
NEW MAINTENANCE FREE HOME - M-72 East, corner wooded lot, 1,100
square feet, three bedrooms, large picture
window, porch, circle drive. \$52,900.
(MC-453)



LOG HUNTING CABIN - On five acres,
sleeps 17, hardwood floors, well and
septic, drain system set-up for easy
window, porch, circle drive. \$52,900.
(NN-577)



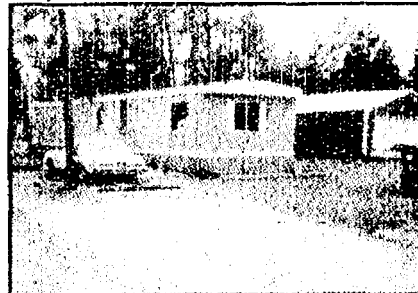
EAST BRANCH ESTATES - 2,000 sq. ft.,
Gambrel style two-story, five b.r.s, huge
family room, two car attached garage,
beautiful wooded lot. Back yard abuts
state land to AuSable River East Branch.
\$79,900. (NN-493)



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bedrooms, two baths, bay window, two
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\$59,500. (N-526)



NEW HOME - On ten acres, adjoining
ten acre lot, two large b.r.s, 1 1/2 baths,
garage w/workshop, enclosed porch,
state land across the road, lots of deer
and turkeys, close to AuSable River.
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GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES - Three
bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, mobile home 14 x
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close to town, land contract terms.
(MH-2)



CABIN ON ACREAGE WITH
HARDWOODS AND PINE - Great for
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five acres. White Tail Trail east of
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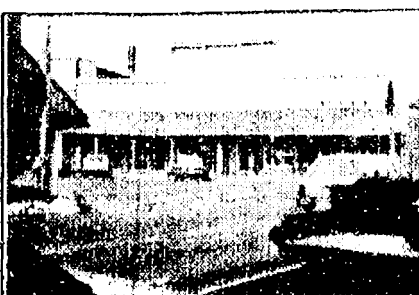


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sq. ft., 442 highway frontage, rental home
included on property, all on 6.3 acres,
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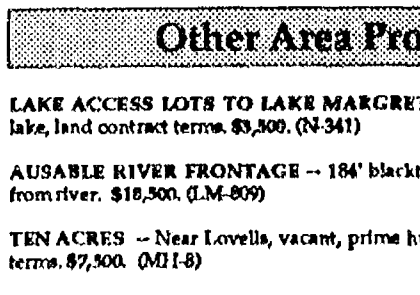


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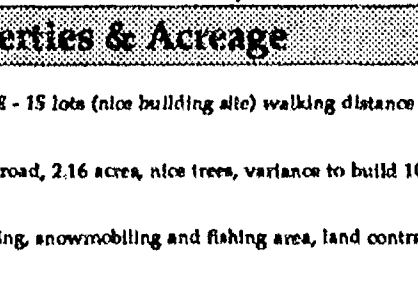
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LAKE ACCESS LOTS TO LAKE MARGRETHE - 15 lots (nice building site) walking distance to
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AUSALE RIVER FRONTAGE - 184' blacktop road, 2.16 acres, nice trees, variance to build 100'
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Safety tips for toy shopping

The holiday season is upon us and chances are you have a child or two on your gift list. While price and play value are important factors, safety should be your prime consideration when toy shopping. Each year, more than 150,000 children require hospital emergency room treatment, as a result of toy injuries. Children can strangle, choke, damage their hearing, poke out eyes, and puncture or cut little hands on toys or toy parts.

An effort to avoid these misfortunes should include following the toy "age label." Many shoppers mistakenly believe that the age on the package relates to the physical or intellectual ability of the child. However, the age recommendation corresponds to the age at which the child can safely use the product.

Age labeling is particularly important for toys intended for children under the age of three. Federal law requires that toys for this age child not pose a risk of choking, ingestion, or aspiration. Commonly known as the small parts requirement, this regulation has been assailed by consumer advocates as well as members of Congress as being too lax. For example, under this regulation, the diameter of small balls, a common shape choked on by young children, must be 1.25 inches.

The current law does not require the label to indicate that the toy poses a choking hazard. To help prevent choking, look for toys with larger (two inches or more) chunkier pieces for children, regardless of age, who "mouth" objects.

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Make safety your prime consideration this holiday season when shopping for small children.

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Volunteer: Help Others with Their Taxes

These are typical questions asked by taxpayers and are presented as a public service of this publication and the IRS.

Q. Last year, my neighbor got help with her taxes from a very nice man who said he was a volunteer with the IRS. Can you tell me anything about this program?

A. Each year millions of people get free help preparing their tax returns through the IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. These programs were designed to provide tax help for older people, persons with disabilities, and non-English speaking taxpayers. Assistance is also offered to people who need help preparing a basic tax return and who can't afford to pay a professional preparer.

Q. Are there any special qualifications you need to volunteer for VITA or TCE?

A. While accounting skills are certainly helpful, all that is required is an ability to do basic math and a willingness to help others and learn new skills.

Q. What type of training does the IRS give people who volunteer?

A. Each fall, classes are held to teach the volunteers how to prepare basic tax returns including Form 1040 with Schedule A. Training on special tax benefits, such as the earned income credit, the child and dependent care credit and the credit for the elderly and disabled, is also included. The classes do not cover complex issues such as capital gains or business expenses.

Q. After the training, where do the volunteers prepare the returns?

A. VITA and TCE sites are sponsored throughout your community. Many sites are located in libraries, community centers, shopping malls, churches, schools, and other neighborhood locations. In addition, some TCE programs provide help to people who are unable to leave their houses.

Q. I'm interested in volunteering. Whom do I call to get more information?

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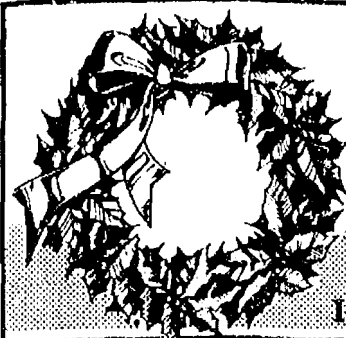
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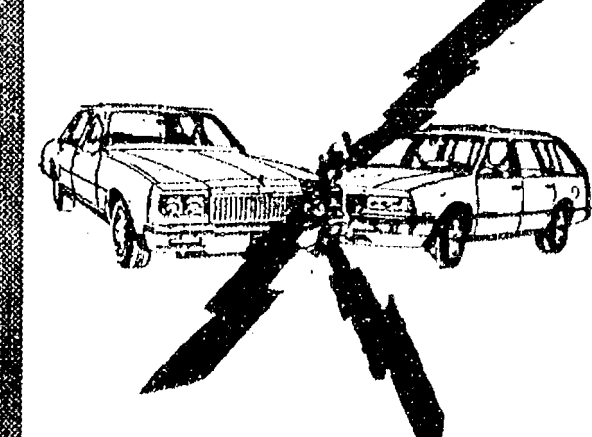
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Marathon committee gears up for 1994

By Terry Wright
Plans are well under way for the 47th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The 1994 Marathon will be held on the weekend of July 30-31.

The new committee organizing the 47th Marathon is co-chaired by Marge Martella in Grayling and Gordon

Whiteman in Oscoda. The rest of the Grayling committee consists of Ed Martella, Mike Dunckel, Tracy Hale, Joe Wakeley, and Don Schanz. Alternates to the committee are Phil Weiler, Steve Southard, John Cherven, Nancy Kreidler, and Scott Pick.

One major long term goal of the committee is to increase the annual

prize money each year until the 50th race in 1997. That year they hope to be able to offer \$50,000 in prizes. Although final plans for the 50th are not complete, committee members are saying that year will be very special.

The 1994 race could bring a few changes including a longer LeMans style start to alleviate some of the congestion as the paddlers enter the river. Another improvement could be the presence of an on-site television satellite truck to beam live coverage of the race anywhere in the world.

The committee is hoping for more national and international participation in 1994. One British team has already shown an interest in competing as well as teams from all across the United States including more teams from Texas.

The Texans that raced in 1993 were so impressed with the Marathon they put out a challenge to all Texas paddlers to come to Grayling to race, and win. In a letter to the Texas Canoe Racing Association the Texans said, "The Marathon proved to be the best, organized, best attended and most generous race that our Texas entourage had ever attended."

To promote the Marathon, Steve Southard a longtime race organizer, has been invited to speak again this winter before the U.S. Canoe and

Kayak Team at their annual race and club organizers meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Marathon, long considered the best race in the Midwest, has received much recognition in the racing world since it joined with the General Clinton race in Bainbridge, New York, and Le Classique race in Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada. Together the three races have formed the triple crown of North American canoe racing with thousands of dollars in prize money.

The Marathon committee is in the process of looking for 1994 sponsors. It will be announcing sponsors sometime after the first of the year. Although corporate sponsors provide a substantial amount of the money it takes to organize the Marathon, the committee also relies on other fund raisers. The total budget of the 1993 Marathon was over \$200,000.

A line of Marathon clothing and memorabilia is currently available for the 1994 Marathon, as well as selected items from past Marathons.

If you would like to contact the Marathon committee to become a sponsor, a general helper, or to buy Marathon merchandise, you may do so by calling 348-4425, or by mail at P.O. Box 911, Grayling. The Marathon office is located in the Grayling Mini-Mall.

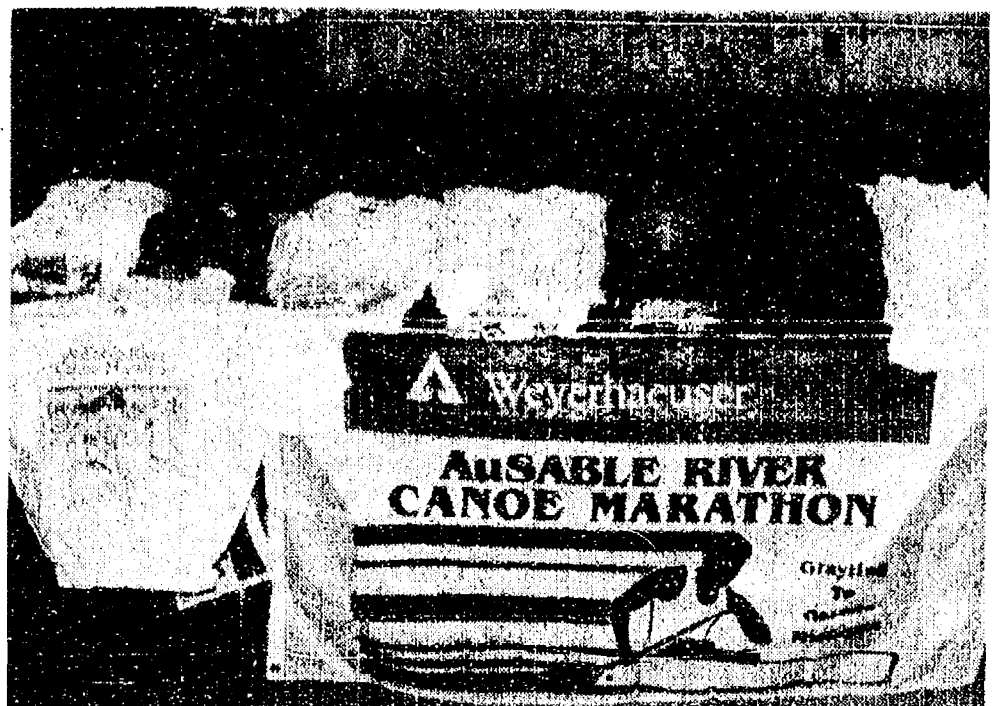
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Classes on parenting scheduled

The Northwest Michigan Child Guidance Center is offering a ten-week series of classes entitled "Parenting the A.D.D. Child." The series will begin January 20, 1994, with classes meeting Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Course instructor, Gregory Wright, clinical psychologist, will lead the psychoeducational group designed to address the needs of parents of children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorders. The course will focus on

helping parents to understand the impact A.D.D. or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, has on their child and family and also help them manage their child's behavior more effectively. The series is particularly suited to parents of preschool and school-age children.

For a brochure outlining the ten-week series or to register, call the Northwest Michigan Child Guidance Center at 947-2255.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Robert and Tammy Fitzpatrick of Grayling: Katie Lynn, November 19, 1993, 7 lbs., 4.7 ozs.

John Stogiera and Amy Miller of Houghton Lake: John Stogiera III, November 19, 1993, 6 lbs., 7 ozs.

Robert and Janis Peters of Grayling: Darin Lee, November 21, 1993, 8 lbs., 7.6 ozs.

Sean and Laura Bell of Roscommon: Theodore James, November 23, 1993, 6 lbs., 1 oz.

William and Laurette Frampton of Roscommon: Taylor Clayton,

November 24, 1993, 7 lbs., 8 ozs.

Buster and Jewel Baur of Atlanta: Toni Ann-Marie, November 25, 1993, 5 lbs., 12 ozs.

Mark Getchell and Lori Hopkins of Gladwin: Eric Patrick, December 1, 1993, 6 lbs.,

Ronald and Debra McKeehen of Houghton Lake: Amanda McKeehen, December 2, 1993, 8 lbs., 9.8 ozs.

William Pritchard Jr. and Opal Parris of Prudenville: Calib Leroy, December 3, 1993, 8 lbs., 3.6 ozs.

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